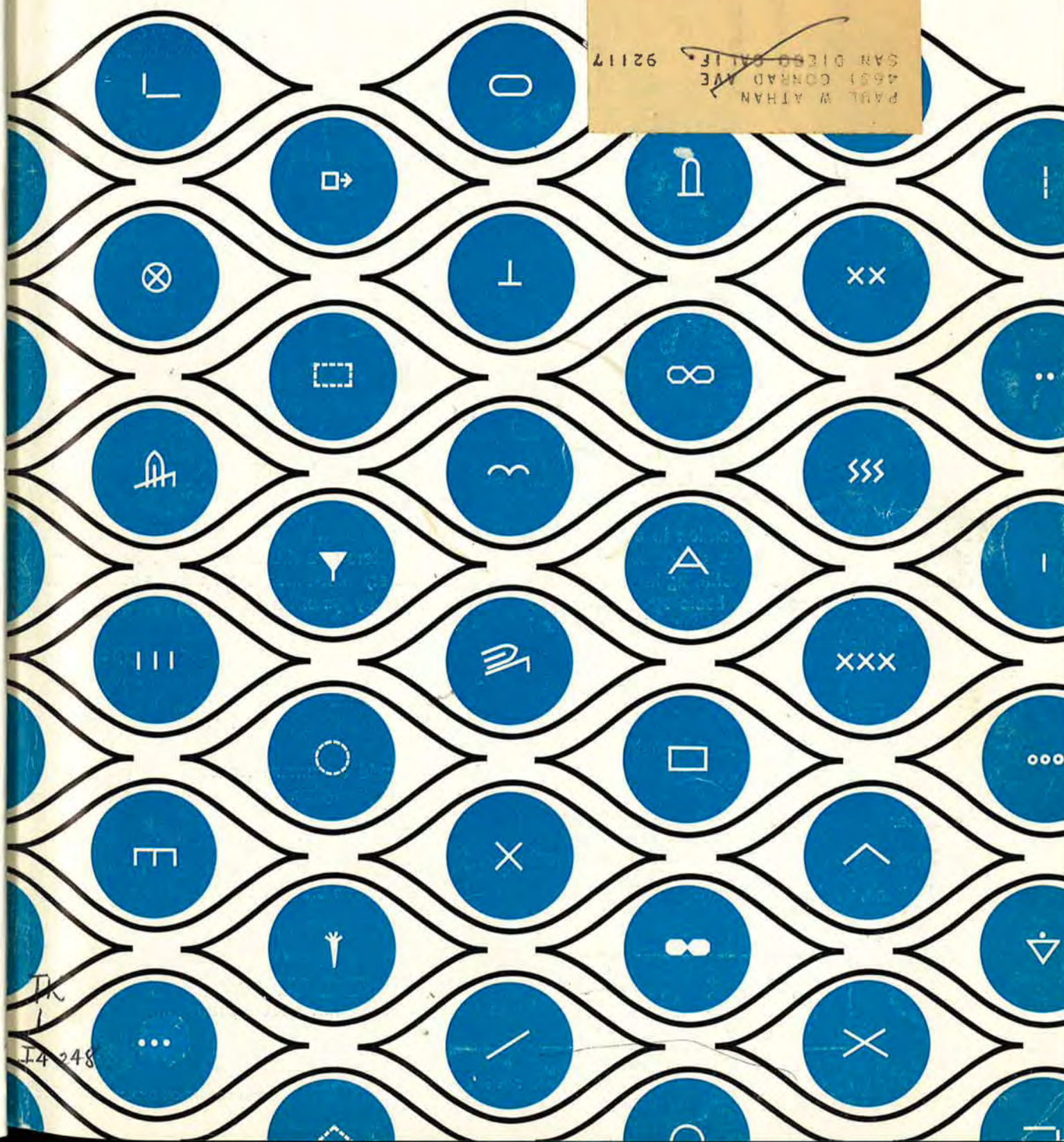
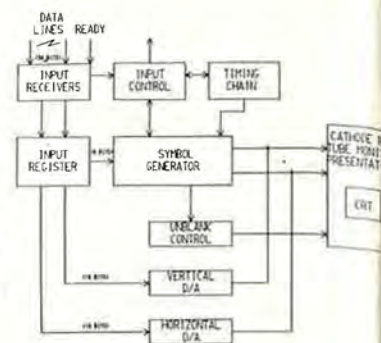


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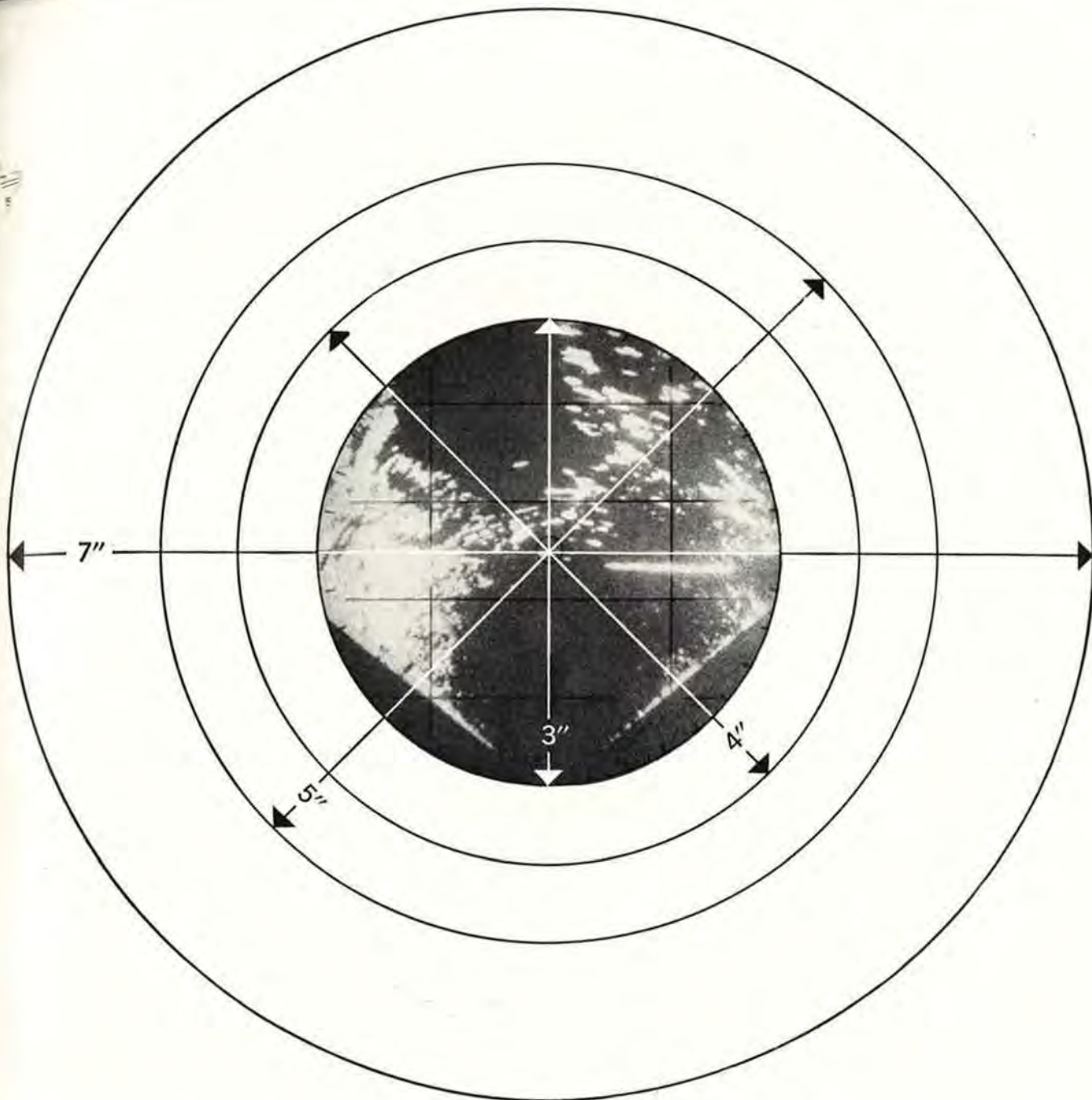
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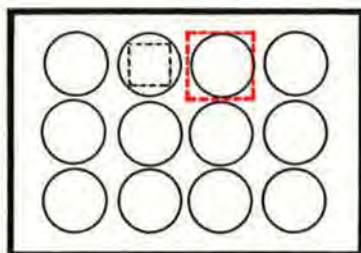
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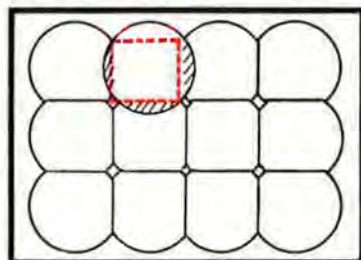
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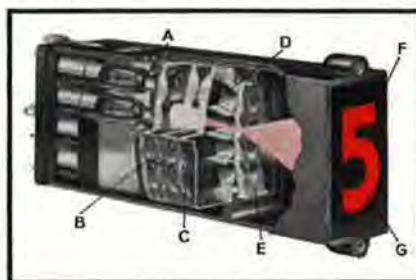
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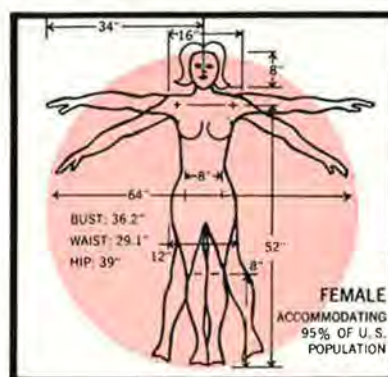
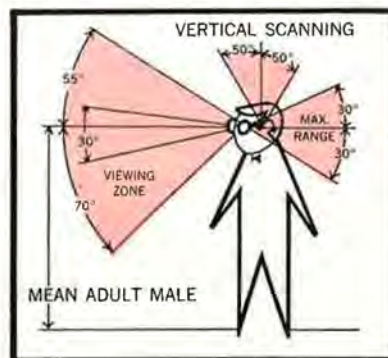
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EDITORIAL

THE INAUGURATION OF  
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The inauguration of *Information Display* as the official publication of the Society is a significant step in the growth and development of our group. The Journal represents the culmination of a concentrated effort by the pioneers of this organization to establish the Society as a technical body in the family of technical societies. In this respect the Journal will add emphasis to the need for the crystallization of our technical role.

The work of the Society seems to me to be cut out for itself. At present the membership of the *Society for Information Display* consists of some of the outstanding display scientists and engineers now in this country. In addition, the growing number of our sustaining subscribers reflects a positive interest by industry in our group. Soon the Society hopes to boast of chapters in Europe and the Far East, bringing into our community scientists and engineers from other countries and nations to compliment our own talents. With this enviable resource we can be in a position to significantly influence the course of information display technology.

I sense, therefore, that for the immediate future our greatest need is to concern ourselves with the nature of our mission. It seems to me that the problems of information display are not sufficiently defined so as to instill in us the quest for debate and inquiry. The division of information display technology into so called "hardware" and "software" has led to camps of interest with inadequate crosstalk and mutual understanding. The focus of attention to the kinds of

problems we have been concerned with has been too parochial. Our concerns should be broader. Our interests should branch into education, medicine, news, while maintaining our current focus on the problems of the military. We must not be timid in announcing the possible contribution that we may be in a position to make to these professions. To all of these conditions we must set to work and define the task and outline our plan for accomplishment.

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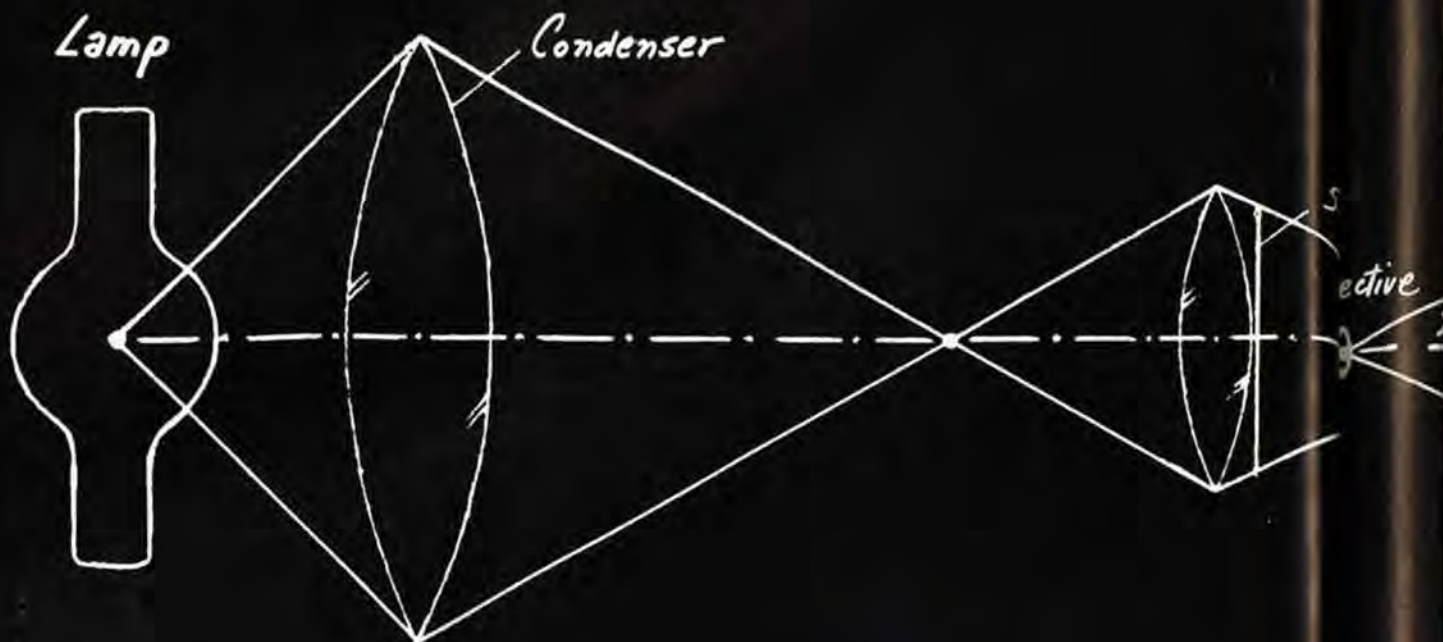
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by Helmut Weiss

## Wide-Angle Slide PROJECTION

How to Beat the  $\text{Cos}^4$  Law  
of Illumination

### Summary

The distribution of screen illuminance from a slide projector does not have to follow the " $\text{Cos}^4$  Law of Illumination" but can be controlled by proper design of the illuminating condenser.

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### 1. Introduction

The  $\text{Cos}^4$  Law, by its very name, is surrounded with an air of authority. It has, for example, been stated in an AMERICAN STANDARD [1] which deals with photography and projection. Applied to projection with a  $90^\circ$  field, the  $\text{Cos}^4$  Law predicts a drop of illuminance from 100% at the center of the screen to 25% at the corners.

While the  $\text{Cos}^4$  Law does apply to photography [2], its validity in the case of projection rests on the rather special assumptions of a light source with an overall Lambertian radiation characteristic and of using an aplanatic condenser.

As we shall see, the use of an omnidirectional, or isotropic, light source represented in good approximation by the modern short-arc lamps, goes a long way in reducing the decline of screen illuminance with increasing projection angle. With any light source, however, the distribution of screen illuminance can be fully controlled by proper condenser design.

The uniformity condition derived in this paper was independently established in 1959 [3] and used in the successful development of a projection display which covered a field of  $90^\circ$ . In subsequent discussions, K. PESTRECOV called the author's attention to earlier approaches to the same problem. Probably the first and most comprehensive discussion was given by STRAUSS [4] in 1930. A U.S. Patent [5] granted to H. O. OSTERBERG, R. M. MULLER, and R. K. LUNEBURG described control of screen illuminance by appropriate design of the condenser. Some of LUNEBURG's work has more recently been reported by W. WALSH [6].

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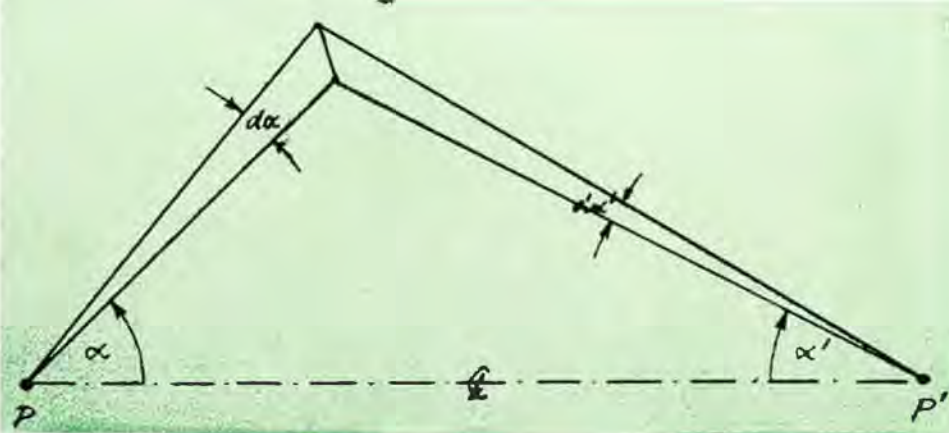
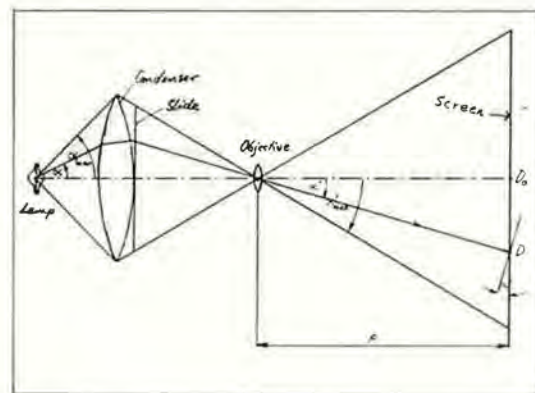


FIGURE 1 (right). Projector schematic showing condenser directing illumination through aperture of the objective.

FIGURE 2 (above). Continuity of light transmission through condenser. Full symmetry of revolution is assumed.

FIGURE 3 (left). Aperture matching by relay. Interposition of an optical transformer results in demagnification of the condenser aperture, matching its image with the frame.



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The discussion in this paper is aimed at the problems encountered by the designer of transparency projectors for data display. Examples illustrate how the light distribution on the screen depends upon the directional properties of both the light source and the illuminating condenser. The condition which the condenser must satisfy to provide uniform screen illuminance is derived and geometrically interpreted.

## 2. Light transmission through condenser

The condenser, which precedes the slide to be projected (Figure 1), directs the illuminating light rays through the aperture of the objective, where they form a more or less well defined image of the light source.

Without being more specific about the imaging properties of the condenser, we assume that the condenser is stigmatic, i.e. that it concentrates all rays originating at the center of the light source in another mathematical point P'.

Assuming further that the angle subtended by the light source at the center of the condenser is very small, we can, with regard to the condenser, consider both the light source and its image as point sources.

Except for reflection and absorption losses in the condenser, which we neglect, a pencil of light centered at P

must now carry the same light flux as its conjugate, centered at P'. Assuming full symmetry of revolution, as in Figure 2, we can make an analog statement for the light flux contained between the cones of half-aperture  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha + d\alpha$  centered at P, and between the cones of half-aperture  $\alpha'$  and  $\alpha' + d\alpha'$ , centered at P'. We have therefore,

$$\frac{2\pi \sin \alpha \, d\alpha \, I(\alpha)}{2\pi \sin \alpha' \, d\alpha' \, I'(\alpha')} = \quad (2.1)$$

where  $I(\alpha)$  is the intensity of the light source seen under the angle  $\alpha$  and  $I'(\alpha')$  the intensity of its image seen under the angle  $\alpha'$ .

This condition, which expresses the continuity of light flux, applies to any pair of conjugate angles,  $\alpha$  in the object space and  $\alpha'$  in the image space of the condenser, regardless of the particular lens design. The condenser does not have to be a single lens. It may be a multiplet or even a system of widely spaced relay lenses, provided the assumptions specified above do still hold.

## 3. Effects of objective lens on screen illuminance

Usually, the objective lens will be designed for negligible image distortion, so that light rays through the center of the lens continue as straight lines. Therefore, when no slide is in the projection gate, the objective lens has no effect on the distribution of screen illu-

minance, as long as it causes no actual loss of light.

Light losses could be caused by reflection, absorption, and physical obstruction. These effects tend to increase with the angle of obliquity, and affect not just the level but also the distribution of screen illuminance.

Physical obstruction by mechanical apertures or lens mounts is only one form of "vignetting"; the other form is "optical compression or expansion of the beam due to the unsymmetrical refraction of oblique rays at the various lens surfaces."\* However, as should be obvious from the foregoing discussion, this second form, purely optical vignetting, can have no effect on the light distribution on the screen if the rays through the center of the objective lens are not broken, i.e. if the lens is free from image distortion.

For the purpose of the following discussion we assume that the objective lens is distortion-free and loss-free, which enables us to disregard its presence entirely.

\*Quoted from American Standard [1]

## 4. Paraxial screen illuminance

Regardless of the particular optical design of the condenser (which we only assumed to be stigmatic), its central portion produces a well defined radial magnification,



$$m_0 = \lim_{\alpha, \alpha' \rightarrow 0} \alpha / \alpha', \quad (4.1)$$

To calculate the screen illuminance in the vicinity of the axis, for which only the central portion of the condenser is responsible, we let  $\alpha, \alpha' \rightarrow 0$  and obtain from (2.1) with (4.1)

$$I'(0) = m_0^2 I(0). \quad (4.2)$$

Referring to Figure 1, we assume now that the light source image, formed by the condenser in the aperture of the objective, is small compared with the projection distance,  $p$ , so that with regard to the screen, it can be treated as a point source. We have then in the vicinity of the point  $D_0$ , situated on the axis of the system at the distance  $p$  from the objective, the screen illuminance

$$E(0) = I'(0) / p^2$$

or, with (4.2),

$$E(0) = m_0^2 I(0) / p^2. \quad (4.3)$$

This equation shows that the paraxial screen illuminance is proportional to the area magnification of the light source by the condenser, provided the aperture of the objective is wide enough to contain the light source image.

For a given projection angle  $\alpha'_{\max}$  and condenser aperture, the paraxial light source magnification  $m_0$  increases with the half-aperture  $\alpha_{\max}$  of the light cone intercepted by the condenser. The quantitative relationship depends upon the imaging properties of the condenser, which will be discussed later.

The angle  $\alpha_{\max}$  is limited only by the radiation pattern of the source. If the physical dimensions of the lamp or the thermal load on the condenser enforce a wide separation between the light source and the condenser, the condenser may become considerably larger than the frame to be projected. In that case, we can interpose an optical transformer in the form of a relay (Figure 3) which demagnifies the condenser aperture so that its image matches the frame. As stated in Section 2, this will not affect the validity of any of our results.

## 5. Oblique screen illuminance

Referring to Figure 1, we assume again that the light source is small compared with the projection distance  $p$  so that it can be treated as a point source of intensity  $I'(\alpha')$ .

If the screen surface around the point  $D$ , which is at the distance  $p/\cos\alpha'$  from the objective, were oriented normal to the incident light, it would receive the illuminance

$$E_n(\alpha') = \frac{I'(\alpha')}{p^2} \cos^2 \alpha'. \quad (5.1)$$

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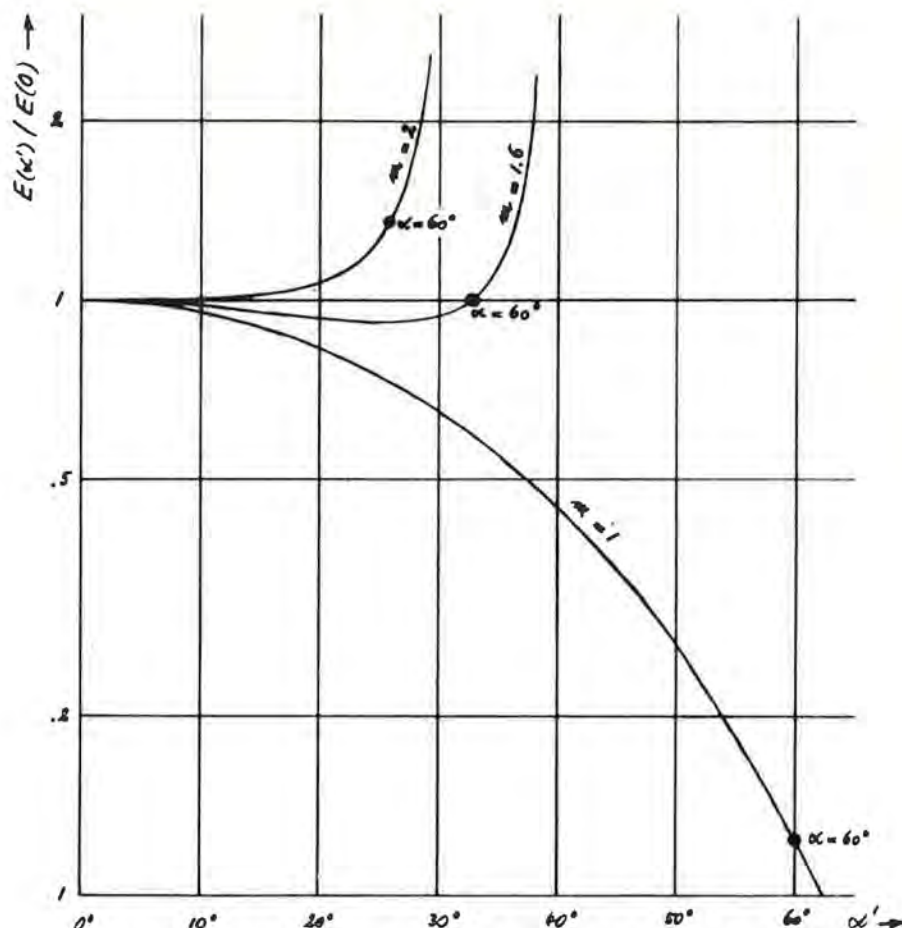


FIGURE 4. Relative screen illuminance from isotropic source with aplanatic condenser. (Refer to Section 7 on facing page).



(4.1) which reduces the illuminance to

$$E(\alpha') = E_n(\alpha') \cos \alpha'$$

or, with (5.1)

$$E(\alpha') = \frac{I'(\alpha')}{p^2} \cos^3 \alpha'. \quad (5.2)$$

According to the continuity condition (2.1), the intensity of  $I'(\alpha')$  of the light source image depends upon the radiation characteristic of the lamp,  $I(\alpha)$ , and the imaging properties of the condenser, described by some functional relationship between the conjugate angles  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ . Using (4.3) to refer intensity and illuminance to their paraxial values, we obtain from (5.2) and (2.1)

$$\frac{E(\alpha')}{E(0)} = \frac{1}{m_0^2} \frac{I(\alpha)}{I(0)} \cos^3 \alpha' \frac{\sin \alpha d\alpha}{\sin \alpha' d\alpha'}, \quad (5.3)$$

where  $m_0$  is the paraxial light source magnification, defined by (4.1).

## 6. Illuminance from Lambertian source with aplanatic condenser—Cos<sup>4</sup> Law

The luminance  $L$  of a Lambertian source is independent of the viewing angle so that its intensity  $I(\alpha)$  varies only with the geometrical projection of the luminous area  $S$ . Thus, a flat Lambertian source, seen at the angle  $\alpha$  from a distance that is long compared with its diameter, has the intensity

$$I(\alpha) = LS \cos \alpha. \quad (6.1)$$

In Section 2, we postulated a stigmatic condenser, capable of forming a sharp image of the center point  $P$  of the light source. If the source occupies an area element normal to the optical axis, different zones of a stigmatic lens will, in general, produce images of different magnification, depending upon the relationship between the conjugate angles  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ . According to ABBE, this zonal magnification is

$$m(\alpha, \alpha') = \sin \alpha / \sin \alpha' \quad (6.2)$$

Now, we make the additional assumption that the condenser forms a sharp image of the entire luminous area. As this requires a constant magnification  $m$  over the entire lens aperture, the condenser must now be designed so that

$$\sin \alpha / \sin \alpha' = m. \quad (6.3)$$

This is ABBE's sine condition, which makes the lens "aplanatic."

With the equations (6.1) and (6.3), reflecting the special assumptions made in this section, we obtain from the continuity condition (2.1) the intensity of the light source image,

$$I'(\alpha') = L m^2 S \cos \alpha'. \quad (6.4)$$

Comparing (6.4) with (6.1), we see that the image of the light source radiates like a Lambertian source with the same luminance as the lamp.

Introducing now (6.1) and (6.3) into (5.1) Once the light source is a three-dimensional element, however, there is actually no longer any justification for

(5.3), we have, finally, for the screen illuminance the expression

$$E(\alpha') = E(0) \cos^4 \alpha' \quad (6.5)$$

which is the so-called "Cos<sup>4</sup> Law of Illumination."

To see the Cos<sup>4</sup> Law in proper perspective, we have to realize that its validity rests on rather special assumptions, which are not in any way sacred. \*For proof, refer for example, to [7].

## 7. Illuminance from isotropic source

Compact arc lamps, which come more and more into use for powerful projectors, have an essentially constant intensity over the angle which is normally utilized. The illuminance from such an isotropic source equipped with an ap-

lanatic condenser does not at all follow the Cos<sup>4</sup> Law.

With a source of constant intensity  $I(\alpha) = I(0)$ , (7.1)

we obtain from (5.3) with the sine condition (6.3)

$$\frac{E(\alpha')}{E(0)} = \frac{\cos^4 \alpha'}{\sqrt{1 - m^2 \sin^2 \alpha'}} \quad (7.2)$$

Depending upon the light source magnification  $m$  that is employed, the relative screen illuminance  $E(\alpha') / E(0)$  may decrease with increasing projection angle (for  $m \leq 1$ ), or go through a minimum (for  $1 < m < 2$ ) or even monotonously increase (for  $m \geq 2$ ). Examples are plotted in Figure 4.

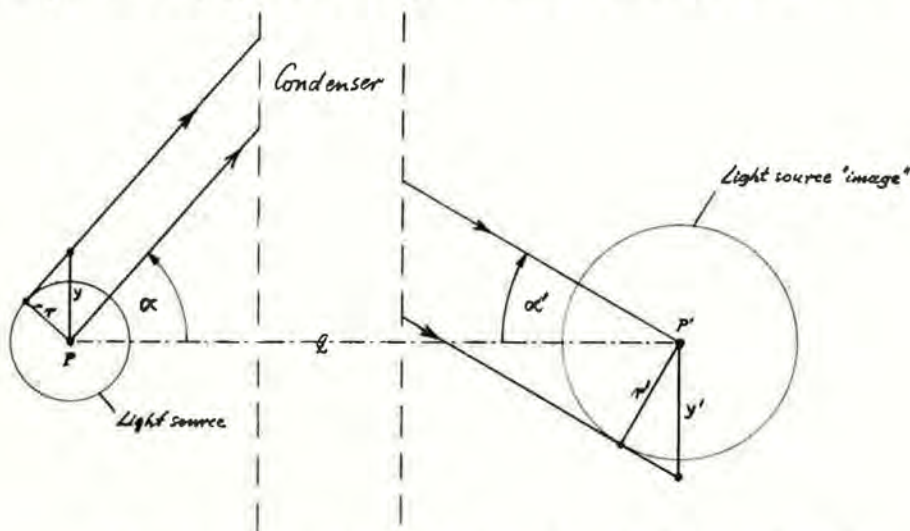


FIGURE 5. Concentration of light from infinitesimal source of spherical shape. (Textual reference in Section 7 on following page).



Once the light source is a three dimensional element, however, there is actually no longer any justification for an aplanatic condenser. To achieve the highest possible concentration of light from a spherical source, for example, all rays should again be directed through a space element of spherical shape, which does not have to be (and cannot even be) a true point-to-point image of the light source. Referring to Figure 5, we have in this case the geometric relations

$$r = y \cos \alpha$$

and

$$r' = y' \cos \alpha'$$

where the ratio  $y'/y$  equals the zonal magnification  $m(\alpha, \alpha')$  of equation (6.2.) To make not  $y'/y$  constant (which would require an aplanatic lens), but

$$r'/r = m = \text{constant},$$

we have to design the condenser so that it satisfies the condition

$$\tan \alpha / \tan \alpha' = m \quad (7.3)$$

in lieu of the sine condition. With this condition and (7.1), we have from (5.3)

$$\frac{E(\alpha')}{E(0)} = (1 + m^2 \tan^2 \alpha')^{-3/2} \quad (7.4)$$

Examples are plotted in Figure 5.

With compact light sources, however, the imaging properties of an otherwise stigmatic condenser are not really critical because the available objective aperture will usually allow for some lack of light concentration. The image of a 2000 watt Xenon arc illuminating a 35 mm slide, for example, does not occupy more than about  $f/5$  of the objective aperture. Thus, we need not be too much concerned about the light source image and can, instead, design the condenser so that we gain control of the light distribution on the screen.

## 8. Control of illuminance distribution

If we make no a-priori assumptions on the imaging properties of the condenser (other than that it shall be stigmatic), we can interpret (5.3) as the condition for obtaining some arbitrary illuminance distribution  $E(\alpha')$  from a lamp with a given intensity distribution  $I(\alpha)$ .

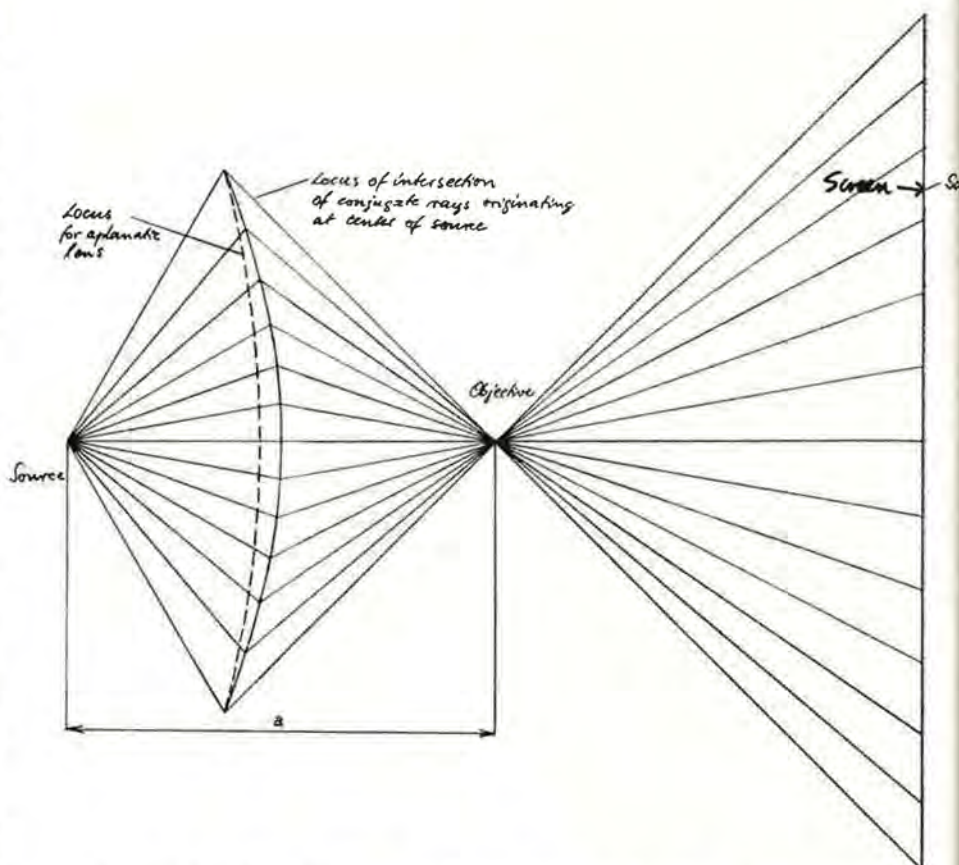


FIGURE 7. Rays through condenser designed to give uniform screen illuminance with isotropic source. (See Section 9 on facing page).

Integrated, (5.3) gives the relationship

$$m_0^2 \int_0^{\alpha'} \frac{E(\alpha')}{E(0)} \frac{\sin \alpha'}{\cos^3 \alpha'} d\alpha' = \int_0^{\alpha} \frac{I(\alpha)}{I(0)} \sin \alpha d\alpha \quad (8.1)$$

which the condenser must satisfy. We note that the constant  $m_0$ , which is the paraxial light source magnification, is determined by the angles of greatest obliquity, namely the half-apertures  $\alpha_{\max}$  of the available light cone and  $\alpha'_{\max}$  of the projecting beam.

Depending upon the form the condi-

tion (8.1) assumes under particular conditions, it may or may not be possible to arrive at a lens design that satisfies it.

## 9. Uniformity condition for isotropic source

If we wish to achieve uniform screen illuminance

$$E(\alpha') = E(0) \quad (9.1)$$

with an isotropic source, of intensity

$$I(\alpha) = I(0) \quad (9.2)$$

the general condition (8.1) reduces to the "uniformity condition"

$$2 \sin(\alpha/2) = m_0 \tan \alpha' \quad (9.3)$$

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FIGURE 8. Rays from spherical source designed for uniform screen illuminance

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$$m_o = \frac{2 \sin (\alpha_{\max} / 2)}{\tan \alpha'_{\max}} \quad (9.4)$$

is the paraxial magnification.

The uniformity condition (9.3) can be visualized by the shape of the surface on which rays originating at the center of the light source intersect with their conjugates. Figure 7 shows this locus of intersection for a typical case of wide-angle projection with  $\alpha_{\max} = 60^\circ$  and  $\alpha'_{\max} = 45^\circ$ .

The dotted line included in Figure 7 is the meridian of the spherical surface which, for the same angles, describes the sine condition. It has the radius of curvature

$$A = a \frac{\sin \alpha_{\max} \sin \alpha'_{\max}}{\sin^2 \alpha_{\max} - \sin^2 \alpha'_{\max}} \quad (9.5)$$

where  $a$  is the distance between the light source and its image.

Calculating, for comparison, the corresponding radius of curvature which

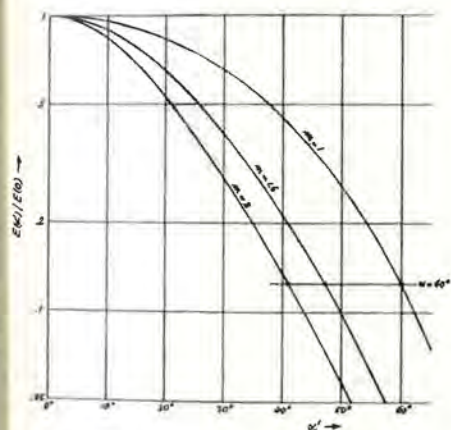


FIGURE 6. Relative screen illuminance from spherical source with condenser designed for maximum light concentration.

applies to the uniformity condition (9.3), we find with (9.4)

$$Q_U = \frac{4a}{3} \frac{\tan \alpha'_{\max}}{2 \sin (\alpha_{\max} / 2)} \quad (9.6)$$

As the curvatures  $1/Q_A$  and  $1/Q_U$  reflect

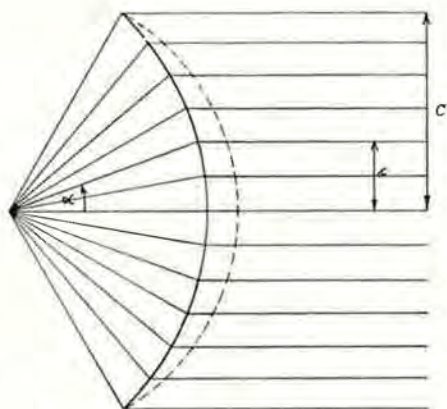


FIGURE 8. Rays through collimator designed to generate beam of uniform illuminance flux density from isotropic source.

the so-called "bending" of the entire lens, we see that, in the example illustrated in Figure 7, the condenser designed to satisfy the uniformity condition must be more strongly bent than an aplanatic lens.

The ideal stigmatic condenser for uniform screen illuminance, built as a single lens, requires two aspheric surfaces but, in practice, excellent approximations can be achieved by making only the surface facing toward the objective aspherical.

## 10. Uniformity condition for collimated isotropic source

The problem of uniformity is not limited to wide-angle projection. Even at long throw distances, where the projection angle may become comparatively narrow, the utilized light cone will always have a wide aperture to assure efficient light utilization. Therefore, applications with rigid uniformity requirements will still need attention to the problem of light distribution.

In the limit  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ , where the condenser becomes actually a collimator, we have

$$\lim_{\alpha' \rightarrow 0} a \tan \alpha' = c \quad (10.1)$$

where  $c$  is the distance of a given collimated ray from the optical axis. As

the result, the uniformity condition (9.3) reduces with  $m_o$  from (9.4) to

$$\frac{\sin (\alpha / 2)}{\sin (\alpha_{\max} / 2)} = \frac{c}{C} \quad (10.2)$$

where  $C$  is the radius of the collimator aperture.

Figure 8 shows rays through a collimator designed to satisfy the uniformity condition (10.2). The dotted circle is the locus of intersection for an aplanatic collimator of the same angular aperture. As a comparison with Figure 6 shows, the curvature relationship is now reversed: the collimator designed for uniform flux density requires less bending than the aplanatic condenser.

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## The Visual System Com

In command centers we find for the first time the need to read cathode-ray displays, projection displays, and hard copy under the same level of illumination. Neither the illumination of theatres nor that of offices is suitable, the one being too low for reading papers and the other too high for reading displays.

This paper shows a method for computing the illumination at which both displays and hard copy can be read with equal ease, or conversely for showing the advantage given one data source over the other by the use of a different level of illumination. Properties of displays and hard copy needed in the computation are given, and a sample computation is presented. It is shown that the computed value of illumination is both satisfactory and compatible with the recommendations of the Illuminating Engineering Society. Means for avoiding eye strain and fatigue (applicable to any level of illumination) are restated.

If a command or management center is to be successful, the human decision maker must receive all the assistance from his data sources that the state of the art permits. To this end the display equipment, the hard copy, and the illumination must all be matched to the needs of the user. There is much information on the size, shape, etc. of the symbols that should be presented, a great deal of information on the techniques for producing and presenting the symbols, but very little on the environment in which the displays should operate. This paper is an attempt to fill a major part of this gap—the illumination of the operating area.

One may ask why this should be a serious question, since the subject of illumination has received so much attention in the last fifty years. The reason is that in command centers one finds for the first time that self luminous displays—cathode ray tubes, electroluminescent panels, projection screens, etc.—are combined with reflective displays—messages, maps, operating plans, budgets, schedules, etc.—with the requirement that they be used in close sequence. It follows that the illumination must be

at one time suitable for the electronic displays and for the hard copy.

There is an extensive literature on the illumination of rooms for self-luminous displays, beginning with the data gathered by the then Society of Motion Picture Engineers on the lighting of movie theaters. This art was adapted during the war for radar display rooms and other weapons control centers, and extended by use of narrow-band light to take advantage of a color difference. The philosophy of minimum illumination is still seen in rooms where edge-lit, grease-pencil plots are kept. With the advent of brighter displays there came a demand that we "come up out of the caves" into an office atmosphere.

### IES Recommendations

The recommendations of the IES (Illuminating Engineering Society) "reflect a consideration of many variables such as visual data, . . . economic factors, convenience, and availability." On examination it is found that their visual data are based on reflective materials—the reading of papers, the performance of shop tasks, etc. It has long been known that when such tasks are difficult because of poor form, extra fine lines, low contrast, etc. a higher level of illumination is helpful. It has been a long time since electric illumination has been expensive, and it is certainly convenient and available. One must conclude that there is no factor in the IES's considerations which exerts a strong influence toward lower illumination, and since they have no control over the quality of material in view, it is quite proper that their recommendations be generous.

Obviously, in a command center a compromise between these extremes is required, and the compromise must be pleasing to persons of high rank. With due attention to the opposite effect of illumination on reflective and self luminous displays, a best illumination can be achieved, and at the present state of the art it will be a very satisfactory illumination if the conditions are met with reasonable care.

### The Data

It has long been known that the ease

of seeing is related to the illumination, the size of the detail that must be seen, and to the contrast of that detail to the background; and various pairs of these variables have been studied parametrically until the relations are well known. During an eight year research (as of 1959) Dr. H. Richard Blackwell has related these four variables using the same group of observers.

In these experiments the subjects faced a hollow box which covered a wide field of view and which was illuminated evenly with white light. Near a reference mark on the back wall there was a translucent spot of white plastic which appeared the same brightness as the rest of the wall under the front illumination, but which could be back illuminated to a higher level, and the equipment was so built that both brightness, the size of the spot, and the duration of its back illumination could be varied over wide ranges.

The observers were thoroughly trained in practice runs not included in the data, to eliminate variation ascribable to learning. They sat before the box for a sufficient time for their eyes to become adapted to the light level to be used; they were then told the limits of a time interval in which the spot might or might not, have been back illuminated and were asked to decide whether or not they had seen it.

Since the same color light was used for the background and the spot, the contrast could be computed using the simple relation:

$$C = \frac{B_H - B_L}{B_L} \quad (1)$$

where  $C$  is the contrast  
 $B_H$  is the higher of the two brightnesses  
and  $B_L$  is the lower of the two brightnesses

This expression for contrast has a value which varies from zero to infinity, and (unlike some) it has the advantage that the zero value conforms to the condition which has no visible contrast.

Over 80,000 observations were made. For each set of conditions the data were

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illumination must be seen in detail to the effect of these parametric relations. The curves were then smoothed by the use of the known parametric relations between pairs of variables. At the completion of this process it was found that an introduced variation as small as 2% would require an obvious violation of one of the parametric relations.

This work has been reported in various stages of progress, references 1, 2, and 3 being the more important and carrying references to the others. The complete data, without some of the details of how they were gotten, are given in reference 3. Because all the data came from the same basic source, because all four variables are covered, and because of the care used in smoothing, it is felt that the results constitute an unusually useful statement of fact.

To extend these data to the conditions and requirements of practical seeing, Dr. Blackwell uses the concept of field factors by which to multiply the required contrast. A factor to compensate for the difference between skilled observers using forced choice and the ordinary reader facing a new problem was determined experimentally. Factors for off-axis viewing, for the lack of warning, and for the frequency of presentation were determined experimentally. The latter three were checked with reasonable accuracy by use of a task evaluator, an instrument whereby a task and a test spot could both be viewed under conditions of controlled contrast and that contrast reduced to minimum visibility.

The development of the field factor concept is described in reference 3. The overall factor, as determined by the process described above, is in the range from 30 to 37.

While the basic data are felt to be valid beyond doubt, the value of the field factors has been questioned, some workers feeling that the proposed values lead to too low a level of illumination. The author has arbitrarily used an overall value of 40 in making up his human

performance curves; however, it will be shown later that the value of the field factor has no bearing on the selected illumination so long as the same value is used in the computations for both hard copy and self-luminous displays.

The author has applied a field factor (40) to the data of reference 3 for detail subtending angles of 1, 2, and 4 minutes of arc, and for illuminations between 0.1 and 100 footcandles and has interpolated for easier use. The resulting curves are given as Figures 1, 2, and 3.

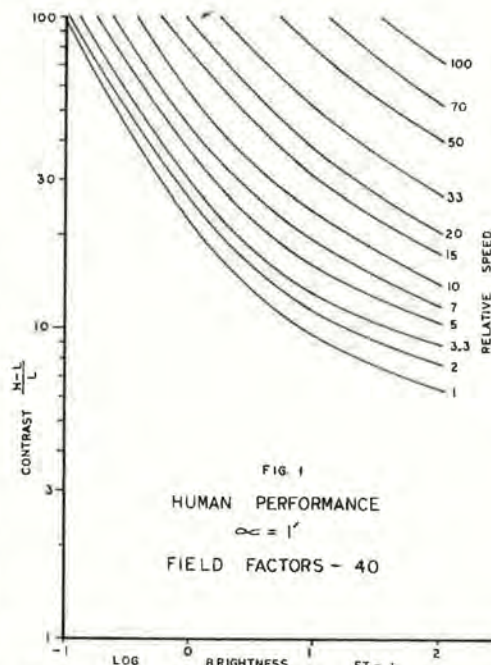


Fig. 1 Human performance when reading symbols with a stroke width (alpha) of one minute of arc.

It must be stressed that the speeds shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3 are not reading speeds, but are the inverse of the times when the spot was back illuminated in the tests. The term "reading ease" was considered for a while, but it is hard to conceive of an ease of 100, so the term "relative perception speed" was finally chosen.

### The Selection of an Illumination Level

It is obvious that both the self-lumi-

nous and the reflective displays must be readable; lacking other indication it will here be assumed that they should be equally readable. The optimum illumination level is, then, that which gives each the same relative perception speed. This may easily be found once the data are put in the proper form.

The preparation of data for reflective displays (hard copy) is simple. The steps are these:

- Determine the minimum size of detail that must be easily readable, compute the angle this will subtend at the observer's eyes, and select the curve with this value of alpha.
- Determine the contrast of the material, and lay a straightedge across the curve at this value.
- Multiply selected values of illumination by the reflectivity of the paper to establish the background brightness.
- For each value of brightness, read the relative perception speed.

The preparation of data for the self-luminous type of display is a little more complex. The steps are these:

- Determine the minimum size of detail that must be easily readable, compute the angle this will subtend at the observer's eyes, and select the curve for this value of alpha.
- Determine the excitation brightness available at the screen (that supplied by either the electron beam or the projector) and apply factors for the gain and loss of the screen to achieve the visible brightness of the symbols.
- Apply factors for the reflectivity of the screen, attenuation of its support, the effectiveness of hoods, etc., to selected values of ambient illumination to determine the background brightness.
- Compute the contrast from item b) and c) above. (These computations are discussed at greater length under Properties of Displays and Hard Copy.)
- For each value of illumination, lay



a straightedge across the curve at the resultant contrast, and at the corresponding value of background brightness, read the relative perception speed.

To determine the optimum value of illumination, plot relative perception speed vs. illumination for both types of displays. It is obvious that one will have a positive slope and one a negative; the point where they cross is, then, the illumination at which the two types can be read with equal ease.

### Properties of Displays and Hard Copy

Before the design of a command center can be started, it is necessary to have at least an idea of the properties of the display materials that will be used therein. This section will discuss the properties of a representative sample of materials, and will discuss some of the steps that may be taken to assure good legibility.

**Hard Copy**—Hard Copy will long continue to carry a large and important portion of the information needed in a command center. Yet the information that is available on the properties of hard copy is very limited. The size of type, for instance, is the size of the block on which the face is cut, not the size of the face itself, and there are only very general statements on the reflectivity of papers and inks. For that reason a series of measurements was made.

In these measurements the symbol height was taken as the prependerant height—if the word was in lower case, then the height of a lower case a, e, o, n or similar letter was measured. Some letters have a variable stroke width. However, experience has shown that the intelligence is carried in the heavier portions of the symbol; it is in fact possible to read material in which a faulty reproduction process has eliminated the thin strokes completely. So when a variable stroke width was encountered, the heavier portion of the stroke was measured. These data were taken with a measuring microscope.

The determination of reflectivity presented a problem because of the small area available in the symbol and the known tendency of the human eye to be influenced by the surroundings. A series of paper chips varying from white to black were gotten by selecting from paper stocks where that was possible, and by dyeing to fill the gaps. These chips were placed in a diffuse white illumination measured with a Weston Illuminometer, their brightness was measured with a Spectra Spot Brightness Meter, and their reflectivity was computed. These chips could then be compared directly to the paper of a display. The reflectivity of symbols was determined by placing a chip partially across

TABLE 1  
PROPERTIES OF HARD COPY

MATERIAL	HEIGHT		STROKE		Color	Reflect.	Contrast
	Mils	Mils	Angle @ 14"	Mins			
Maps							
Army Map Service, NK 18-11							
Paper					white	.65	
Names—large	160	24	5.5		black	.07	8.3
small	40	9	5.2				
Highways		38	9.5		rd & blk		high
Railroads		7	1.7		black		
Creeks		5	1.2		blue	.1	5.5
Contours		5	1.2		tan		fair
Elevations	52	7	1.7				
Sectional Air Chart, Winston Salem							
Paper	Color wash to indicate ground altitude, Est. Avg.					50	
Names—large	110	20	5		black	.1	4
small	44	7	1.7				
Smallest print	40	8	2				
Highways		25	5.5		gray	.3 Est.	.6
Scale ticks		8	2				
Contours		9	2		tan		fair
Nautical Chart, H.O. 1290							
Paper					white	.65	
Names—large	144	14	3.5		black	.09	6.2
small	40	10	2.5				
Smallest print	24	5	1.2				
Depth contours		5	1.2				
Soundings	60	9	1.2				
Geological Survey, Redmond, Washington							
Paper					white	.7	
					Green overprint for wooded areas	.1	6
Names—large	120	15	3.7		black		
small	60	10	2.5				
Smallest print	45	7	1.7				
Highways		25	5.5		red & blk		high
Roads	dual	6	1.5				
Creeks		8	2		blue		good
Contours		5	1.2		tan		fair
Office Material							
Good pulp paper						.7	
Average pulp paper						.65	
Yellow copy paper						.5	
Typewriter samples							
Paper						.7	
Make A Electric	110	15	3.7		black	.1	6
Make B Elite	110	10	2.5		black	.12	4.8
Make B Pica	114	10	2.5		black	.1	6
Make B Pica—old ribbon	114	7	1.7		gray	.15	3.7
Teletype printer							
Paper					gray	.6	
With new ribbon	105	20	5		black	.1	5
With old ribbon, top		12	2.7		black	.12	4
With old ribbon, bottom		Indef.				.2	2
Computer Printer output							
Make C	95	9	2.2		black	.08	7.9
Make D	100	10	2.5		black	.1	6
Make E	100	17	4.2		black	.08	7.1
As a basis for comparison—							
New York Times							
Paper						.46	
Text	55	10	2.5		black	.1	3.6
Office Copiers							
Make F (translucent material)						.45	
Paper—on dark desk						.12	2.8
Print						.65	
Paper—on white paper						.12	4.4
Print						.65	
Make G (opaque material)						.65	
Paper						.10	5.5
Print							
Pencil							
Pulp paper						.65	
Mechanical pencil, .032" lead, HB	20	5			black	.2	3.3
2H newly sharpened	10	2.5			black	.25	2.3
2H fairly dull	15	3.7					
B newly sharpened	12	2.7			black	.12	4.5
B dull	40	10					



a line of type and examining the type and the edge of the chip through a low power microscope, the microscope magnifying the type to the point where a good comparison could be made. Some materials, pencil as an example, had to be measured under diffuse light to prevent specular reflection.

The data gathered in these tests are given in Table 1. Special attention is invited to the data on office copying machines, pencil copy, and typewriter and teletype output. It will be noted that the contrast can be raised materially, and in some cases the width of the stroke increased by a significant factor, by the proper selection of equipment and materials and the use of fresh ribbons. One must conclude that the legibility of the hard copy is to that extent a function of the interest shown by the members of the staff.

**Self-Luminous Displays**—Self-luminous displays—cathode ray tubes and projection screens—must combat the ambient illumination, so much of this section will have to do with means for maintaining good contrast. The light in the symbol, the light that carries the useful information, comes from either an electron beam or a projector; we will consider cathode ray tubes first.

Rather than get into a discussion of products, the author will here assume that the tube has a brightness of 50 foot-lamberts available at the phosphor, and offers assurance that this level is within the state of the art using crystalline phosphors. The reflectivity of the phosphor is assumed to be 85%, highly diffusive. The problem, then, is to achieve as good contrast as is possible with this device.

The first step to consider is the use of a gray glass for the face plate of the tube. It is true that such glass reduces the brightness of the symbols by the transmission (filter factor) of the glass. But the ambient illumination must pass through the glass twice, so the contrast is increased by the inverse of the filter factor. This can be a significant amount; RCA lists face plates with filter factors in two groups, one near 0.75 and one near 0.4.

The next step is the use of a cap-bill hood to keep as much as possible of the ambient illumination from falling on the screen. Properly designed, such a hood can easily have a factor of 0.5 without restricting the viewing angle.

The effectiveness of a hood may be increased by limiting the angles at which the light approaches the equipment, as can be done by hanging properly designed honeycomb gratings below the light sources. The light can still come from the major portion of the ceiling, so it is fully diffuse (or indirect); it is merely limited to those angles which will not get under the hood. It is believed that

the hood factor can be changed from 0.5 to 0.25 by this means.

After these steps, the direct ambient light will be reduced to the point where the light reflected from the equipment, from white shirts, etc., becomes important. Such secondary sources can be objectionable when they are specularly reflected from the tube face and appear as unwanted images superposed on the data. Glossy finishes should not be used on equipment, furniture, etc.; a medium gray mat surface is much less objectionable. Such light as remains can be rendered innocuous by etching the tube face to a fine mat surface. This is not truly a non-reflecting coating—it merely spreads the reflection over such a large area that the brightness is reduced and the shape of the source obscured. It is, however, a very effective step.

#### Circular polarizer use

A circular polarizer can be used for the functions of the filter glass and the mat first surface, either for better performance or when the desired properties cannot be had in the available tube. It is not a complete cure, for it itself has bright specular reflection from its front surface. However, it may be used as a plane surface, and the range of incident angles that gives objectionable reflections from a plane surface is much less than the range that gives reflections from a spherical surface.

Projection displays can also take advantage of absorption in the screen support, of a hood, of directive room light, and (in some types) of a mat front surface on the screen. In addition, they can take advantage of directivity.

Directive screens reflect (or transmit) more light in a preferred direction than in other directions. They therefore are said to have "gain", this being the ratio of the brightness in the preferred direction to the brightness of a highly diffusive screen subject to the same illumination. Values between 2 and 10 are common. If the viewers can be located along the preferred axis, the brightness of the data symbols will be increased while that from light sources not near the projector will be decreased, and an increase in contrast will result. This effect reaches its peak in rear projection screens, where the steps which decrease the diffusion of the projected light also decrease the reflectivity to ambient light, and where it is possible to take advantage of a filtering support material.

However, a fundamental characteristic of gain is its sensitivity to changes in angle. Assuming the plane of the screen is correct for the location of the projector and the center of the audience, there will still be a change in brightness due to looking at different portions of the screen or to the viewer's moving about the room. If this change is to be held within acceptable bounds, then direc-

tivity must be used with care.

The quantitative relations follow, all based on the fundamental relations that:

$$C = \frac{B_H - B_L}{B_L} \quad (1)$$

$$B = I R \quad (2)$$

$$I_p = \frac{L_p}{A} \quad (3)$$

For hard copy:

$$B_H = I_A R_p$$

$$B_L = I_A R_I$$

substituting in (1)

$$C = \frac{R_p - R_I}{R_I} \quad (4)$$

For both cathode-ray tubes and projection screens the brightness of the symbol is the sum of that produced by the intended excitation and that of the background as produced by stray electrons or the transmission of "opaque" parts of the film.

For cathode-ray tubes:

$$B_H = B_{ph} T + B_L$$

$$B_L = I_A R_{ph} T^2 + B_x T$$

substituting in (1)

$$C = \frac{B_{ph}}{I_A R_{ph} T + B_x}$$

For front projection:

$$B_H = \frac{L_p}{A} G + B_L$$

$$B_L = B_a + B_x G$$

Here  $B_a$  is the sum of the brightnesses due to the individual room illuminants, each with the value of gain required by its angles. This is so complex that the value is usually determined by measurements on a mockup or on the final assembly.

substituting in (1)

$$C = \frac{L_p G}{A (B_a + B_x G)}$$

For rear projection, with the diffusing layer on the projector side of the screen:

$$B_H = \frac{L_p}{A} GT + B_L$$

$$B_L = B_a + B_x GT$$

$$B_a = I_A R_a T^2$$

A single expression for  $B_a$  is made possible here by the small difference in reflectivity for the angles of the different room illuminants.

substituting in (1)

$$C = \frac{L_p G}{A (I_A R_a T + B_x G)}$$

In the above:

$A$  = Area of the projection screen, in square feet.

$B$  = Brightness, in foot-lamberts.

$B_a$  = Brightness due to the ambient illumination.

$B_H$  = The higher of two brightnesses.

$B_L$  = The lower of two brightnesses.

$B_{ph}$  = Brightness of a phosphor due



to electron impact or other excitation.

$B_x$  = Brightness due to unintentional excitation, as by stray electrons or transmission through the "opaque" areas of the film.

C = Contrast

G = The gain of a projection screen for the incident and reflected angles involved. Note - commercial values for G usually include the reflectivity, so it is not stated separately.

I = An illumination, in footcandles.

$I_a$  = The ambient illumination.

$I_p$  = The projected illumination.

$L_p$  = The light flux delivered to the screen by the projector, in Lumens.

R = The reflectivity.

$R_p$  = The reflectivity of the paper.

$R_i$  = The reflectivity of the ink.

$R_{ph}$  = The reflectivity of the phosphor.

$R_s$  = The reflectivity of the projection screen.

T = The transmission (filter factor) of the screen support where the support is between the screen and the observer.

### Sample Computation

In order to demonstrate the process and to get a feeling for the level of illumination the process will indicate, a sample calculation was carried through using the nearest value of alpha for which there was a curve available (Figures 1, 2, and 3.)

For hard copy, an Army Map Service map, two typewriters with different weight of type face, a teletype machine, and a mechanical pencil were taken as

representative of the materials that might be found in a military command center.

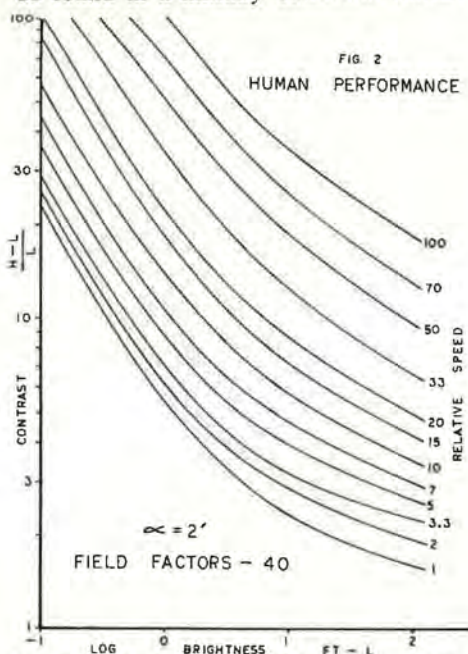


Fig. 2 Human performance when reading symbols with a stroke width (alpha) of two minutes of arc.

The results of the computation are given in Table 2 and plotted in Figure 4.

For the display, a cathode ray tube was chosen and assumed to have a phosphor with a brightness of 50 foot-lamberts and a reflectivity of 0.85. Filter factors of 0.4 or 0.75 were used, alpha was taken as 2' or 4', and the hood factor was taken as 0.5 or 0.25. These conditions can also be met in a projection display if the screen size is properly balanced to the available projected light. The results of the calculation are given

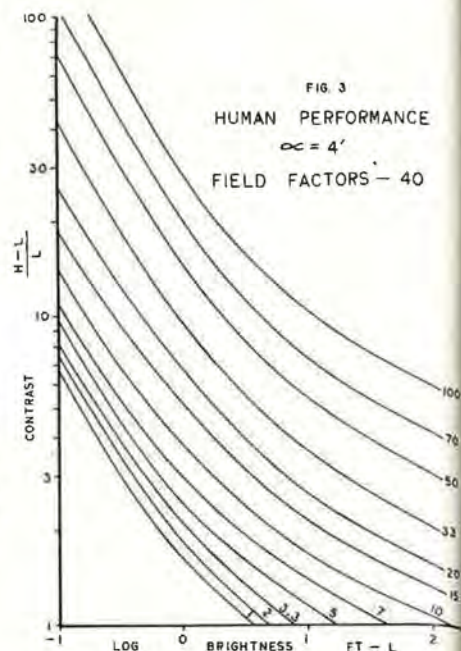


Fig. 3 Human performance when reading symbols with a stroke width (alpha) of four minutes of arc.

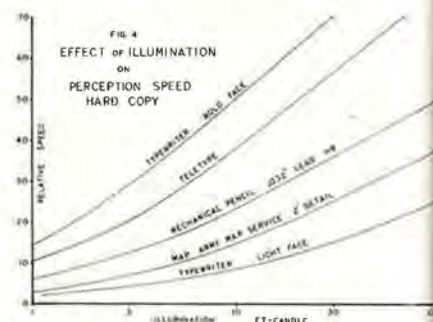


Fig. 4 The effect of illumination on human perception speed when reading hard copy.

TABLE 2  
READABILITY OF HARD COPY

Item	AMS Map		Typewriter Make A		Typewriter Make B		Teletype		Pencil HB .032" lead	
Paper Refl.	.65		.7		.7		.6		.7	
Contrast	8.3		6		6		5		3.3	
Min. Alpha Mins.	2		4		2		4		4	
Illumination ft-candle	B	Speed*	B	Speed*	B	Speed*	B	Speed*	B	Speed*
1	.65	2.7	.7	14.5	.7		.6	10.5	.7	6.2
2	1.3	5.8	1.4	22	1.4	3.2	1.2	16	1.4	10
4	2.6	8.3	2.8	35	2.8	5.5	2.4	25	2.8	14.8
8	5.2	13	5.6	45	5.6	7.7	4.8	35	5.6	21
12	7.8	16.5	8.4	55	8.4	9.7	7.2	42	8.4	26
20	13	21	14	63	14	13	12	48	14	33.3
40	26	28	28	75	28	17	24	62	28	40
80	52	35	56	90	56	23	48	73	56	47
100	65	38	70	96	70	25	60	80	70	50

\*See text for meaning.



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6.9200	-3.9900	5.1533	5.1745	5.1958	5.2588	12.73209
6.9200	-3.9900	5.6376	5.6762	5.7142	5.8239	13.68523
6.9200	-3.9900	6.2183	6.2808	6.3421	6.5171	14.83924
6.9200	-3.9800	3.0047	2.9754	2.9491	2.8839	8.60752
6.9200	-3.9800	3.1729	3.1460	3.1219	3.0623	8.92681
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DATA-PANEL indications are visible only when illuminated. Permanently visible legends and grids are provided for operator orientation. Courtesy Control Data Corporation.

**3 OPERATOR ACCURACY**—DATA-PANEL legends and indications in the OFF condition are totally invisible until illuminated. Operators, therefore, are not distracted or confused by the presence of ambiguous, non-indicating indicators, or, for example, by red lensed indicators that merely turn redder. Permanently visible grid lines and legends can be provided for visual orientation. Operators working with a visually clean panel suffer less fatigue and, consequently, make fewer errors.

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Time, distance, angular displacement, pressure, acceleration, telemetry... in fact any kind of data that can be translated into voltage format can be displayed and photographed at the same time. With PPI radar, five sets of data can be superimposed on maps projected on the face of the tube through the optical window. The data (e.g., positions of aircraft or other targets) are then viewed in real-time relationships to the map. Any standard or special phosphor, or any graticule configuration, can be supplied.

Actual phosphor used in the KC 2296 is a double layer phosphor with a high efficiency visual component and high energy blue component for maximum results with blue sensitive film.

With KC 2296, information is displayed on the internal graticule, on the inside of the tube face-plate, making both front and rear views free of parallax. A special phosphor deposition technique allows the graticule lines to be essentially free of phosphor and sharply visible from both front and rear. The five electron guns are independently controllable, and each beam is positioned to scan a separate screen area, except for two beams which coincide. The tube can as readily be designed so that each gun sweeps the entire display area, or any selected segment. Each electron gun is electrostatically focused and deflected.

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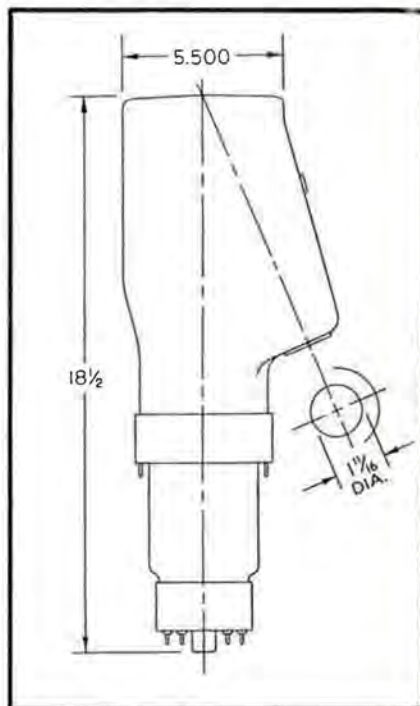
Flat face radar display tubes have been produced for high ambient viewing with

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However, this implies a larger symbol and a reduction in the number of symbols that can be presented on a given size screen. The specification writer is faced with a compromise, which he must make with the knowledge that the selection of a too-small symbol will impose a penalty in legibility, and that this penalty will have to be paid day after day by the commander and his staff.

The display plotted in curve "B" of Figure 5 and the Army map were then selected as representing the displays that might be considered the critical pair in some fictitious command center, and their curves were replotted in Figure 6. It is obvious that their crossing point specifies the illumination at which the critical

Several things can be learned from Figure 6. For one, it is possible that either class of display can be improved. The brightness of the cathode ray tube may be increased or the suppression of the ambient illumination improved; the map may be printed on better paper, or its contrast may be increased by a change of ink. The interesting point is that any improvement will raise the curve for that display, and if the value of illumination is adjusted to suit, the ease of reading of both displays will be improved.

Second, it must be recognized that it will sometimes not be possible, or perhaps desirable, to use the value of illumination that the computation calls for.

And third, the small crosses marked 25 and 60 represent the crossing points of two other sets of curves for the same displays but based on human performance curves in which the field factors were taken as 25 and 60. The three crossings indicate the same value of illumination to within the accuracy with which the performance curves can be read and their plot smoothed; it must be concluded that the value of the field factor has no bearing on the computed value of illumination so long as the same factor is used in the computations for both self-luminous displays and hard copy.

## Suitability of the Computed Illumination

Since the computed level of illumination is markedly lower than the general recommendations of the Illuminating Engineering Society for offices, it is proper to question whether or not it is suitable. This must be asked in two parts—is it sufficient? and is it pleasing?

Many years ago a number of observers were given control of the illumination and were asked to find the value that was best for reading the *Saturday Evening Post*. The reported values follow:<sup>6</sup>

Available value of illumination, foot candles	10	30	45
Chosen value	5	12	16

The very human tendency to choose a middle value is apparent, and it must be remembered that the observers were accustomed to a lower level of illumination.

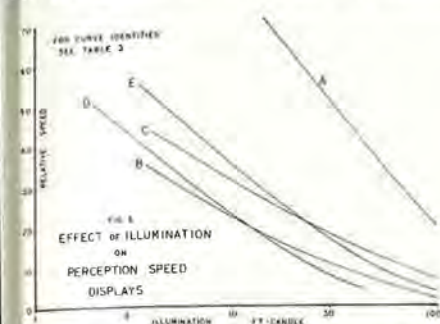


Fig. 5 The effect of illumination on human perception speed when reading self-luminous displays.

hard copy and the critical display can be read with equal ease.

It should be stated again that the speed scale is not the reading speed, but merely a way of achieving comparison.

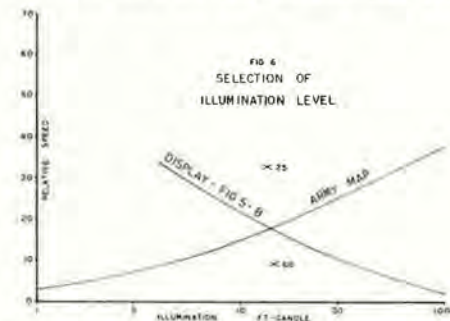


Fig. 6 The selection of an optimum illumination for reading both hard copy and self-luminous displays is accomplished when the relative perception speeds are equal.

On such an occasion the plot offers numerical indication of the advantage given one type of display and the penalty imposed on the other by the required level of illumination.

TABLE 3  
READABILITY OF DISPLAYS

Phosphor — Brightness, 50 ft-L; Reflectivity, 85 %

Filter Factor				0.4				0.75				0.75			
Symbol B ft-L				20				37.5				37.5			
Alpha Minutes				4				2				2			
Hood Factor				.5				.5				.25			
Backgd. Illumination ft-candle				B				B				B			
ft-L				C				C				C			
Speed*				Speed*				Speed*				Speed*			
1	.068	294		.068	294		.034	0.239	156		0.119	315			
2	0.136	147		0.136	147		.068	0.478	78.5	51	0.239	156			
4	0.272	73.6	101	0.272	73.6	33	0.136	0.956	39.2	36	0.478	78.5	51		
8	0.544	36.8	87	0.544	36.8	25	0.272	1.91	19.6	27	0.956	39.2	36		
12	0.816	24.5	76	0.816	24.5	19.5	0.408	2.87	13	19	1.44	26	31		
20	1.36	14.7	60	1.36	14.7	13.5	0.68	4.78	7.85	12	2.39	15.7	23		
40	2.72	7.36	42	2.72	7.36	7.9	1.36	9.56	3.92	4.8	4.78	7.85	12		
80	5.44	3.68	25	5.44	3.68	3.1	2.72	19.1	1.96		9.56	3.92	4.8		
100	6.8	2.94	19.5	6.8	2.94	1.6	3.4	23.9	1.57		11.9	3.15	3.3		

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tion than are we today. However, it is also apparent that there is no pressing human need for high levels when the contrast is good.

And in their work on the utility of colored illuminants, Ferec and Rand<sup>7</sup> tested the eyes of their observers both before and after reading for three hours in Table 3 and plotted in Figure 5.

The difference between curve "A" (four minutes of arc) and the other curves (two minutes) is notable. One is tempted to say that a stroke width of four minutes should always be used, with a colored illumination of only 0.3 ft-candle. There was a measurable loss, but the significant fact is that it was possible to read for that time with an undesirable light and at such a low level.

One must conclude, then, that the computed level of illumination is above the minimum by a factor of at least forty, and that it is in a range that has been selected as optimum in tests where the observer could control the level of illumination.

It is clear from the above data that the computed level of illumination is sufficient, but that does not assure that it will be pleasing. The reason why it may be one and not the other is that the eye does not see illumination—it sees the brightness of the work and its surroundings that result from that illumination.

The sources of illumination should be distributed, but not evenly distributed. Completely diffuse illumination creates a somnolent atmosphere, while the inclusion of some concentration points helps seeing through the formation of the shadows by which form is perceived. And of course no light source whose brightness is materially higher than that of the walls should be within the field of views of the operating people.

The ratio of brightnesses within the field of view should be low. This effect is most easily achieved by using the same finish for similar objects and keeping the illumination reasonably even. Such variation in brightness as exists should follow as closely as possible the rule that the ceiling be brightest, the walls next bright, the furniture and equipment next, and the floors least bright, but not dark. The IES recommends that the reflectivities be walls, 0.5; furniture and equipment, 0.35, and floors, 0.3. It should be noted that hard copy, with a paper reflectivity near 0.7 and ink reflectivity near 0.1, will have good contrast within itself without either the paper or the ink being markedly different from its surroundings.

Wall projection screens present a problem because the symbol brightness is limited and it is necessary to achieve the required contrast by keeping the background dark. Hence, the screen must be carefully screened from all room

lights. However, the area immediately around the screen must be as bright as the rest of the wall. This surrounding area can be illuminated by highly directive lights, it can be back lighted, it can be set back of the screen and illuminated by lights behind the screen, it can be made fluorescent and excited by ultraviolet light, etc. When done properly the symbols will be brighter than the walls and the background darker; the presence of the walls will make the screen appear to have a greater contrast than it actually has, and at the same time will maintain the balance of brightness with the rest of the room.

A clear and public example of the effectiveness of balanced brightness is available in the two reading rooms of the Congressional Library in Washington. The old reading room in the main building is equipped with dark furniture. At night the walls are relatively dark, and the darkness of the ceiling is relieved only by an illuminated painting. Lights over the desks illuminate only the writing surface. In the day the walls are much brighter, but the windows to the south and the spots of sunlight to the north make severe glare spots. Study in this room is very tiring, eye strain setting in after an hour or two. The reading room in the Annex is illuminated with artificial sources only, using desk lights similar to those in the old room plus indirect illumination. The ceiling is the brightest part of the room, the walls are next bright, and the furniture is relatively light. There are no glare spots. One can study for hours in this room without fatigue. The comparison is striking proof of the desirability of a low ratio of brightnesses: it is even more striking when one realizes that the illumination on the writing surfaces in the two rooms is the same.

It is clear, then, that the process outlined in this paper provides equal ease of reading for both hard copy and displays, that the resultant illumination is entirely adequate, and that it can be made pleasing. There remains only the problem of those officers who normally work in brightly lit offices and who must move to the command center on the occasion of an alert. Luckily the computed illumination for the command center is less than that to be expected in offices by a factor of only three to six. It is felt that a smooth transition can be made possible by setting the illumination of the intervening halls and anteroom at a value intermediate between those of the offices and the command center.

As in most system studies, this work shows that much can be done by a number of small steps taken together. It must be noted that one of these steps, that of providing a limited range of brightnesses, has long been known but

has frequently been overlooked.

There is no easy way to compute the effectiveness of hoods, means for directing the illumination, etc. One solution is to make the display contractor responsible for the entire installation and provide time and funds for either mockup or extensive tests in location. An approach that would save the cost of repeated mockups is for the Government to make the tests, to provide a suitable room, to specify the design of the hood, and to relieve the contractor from responsibility for the contrast.

## Conclusions

a) The described process readily gives the illumination level at which hard copy and self-luminous displays are equally readable, or gives a quantitative statement of the advantage given one display source over the other when a different illumination level is used.

b) The current art for cathode-ray displays permits an adequate level of illumination if known techniques for maintaining contrast are used. The same is true for projection displays if the screen area is reasonable.

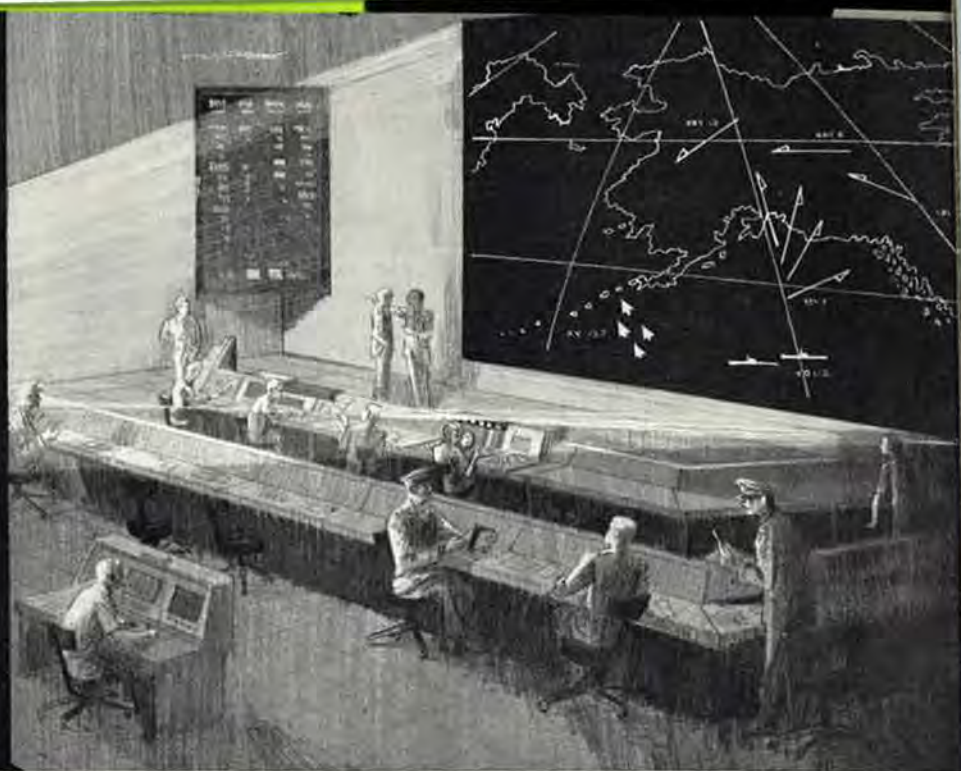
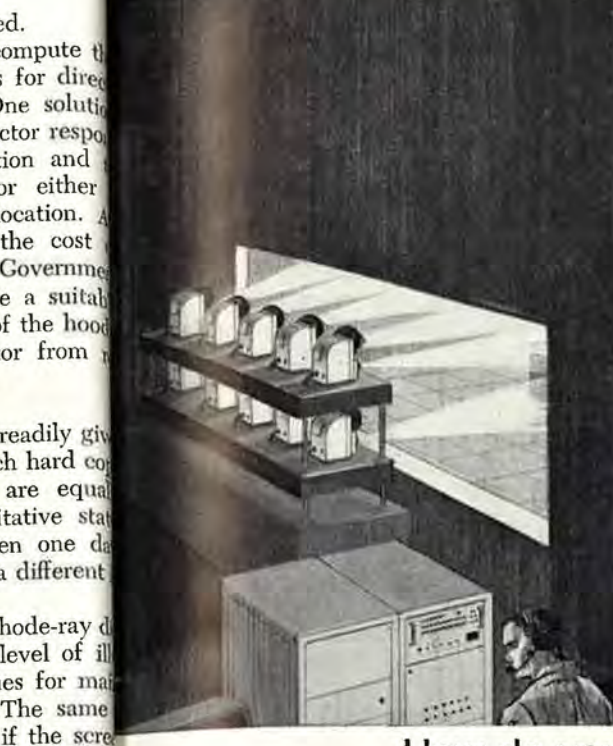
c) This level of illumination will be pleasing if the color of the ceiling, wall, furniture, equipment, and floors, and the distribution of illumination gives a small range of brightness with a proper distribution of brightness.

d) The values for the contrast of hard copy given herein should be re-examined. If the listed values are low, then corrected values will permit a new selection of illumination with which both the hard copy and the displays can be read more easily. If the listed values are correct, then similar values can be used in future display specifications with a financial saving for the customer. ©

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A good catch-phrase with which to start a discussion on displays might be "There is something in it for everyone." Certainly, the interdisciplinary nature of display development attests to the truth of this phrase. Contributing disciplines include optics, psychology, physiology, engineering, the behavioral sciences and the computing sciences.

by  
Ruth M. Davis

Such an interdisciplinary approach is both a strength and a weakness to display development. Its strength lies simply in the multiplicity of disciplines upon which it may feed and expand; its weakness lies in the difficulty of effecting a parallel advance on all the essential fronts typifying any display development.

It would be interesting, in this regard, to survey the membership of the SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION DISPLAY just to determine what the formal scientific backgrounds of its members were. Without dwelling indefinitely on this interesting characteristic of displays, suffice it to say that it reveals the role always played by displays which has been accentuated by

the recent development of automated display devices. In particular, the function of information display is a transfer function between the external environment and man's reasoning and decision making capabilities. The effectiveness of the information display function is affected by individual human traits, by the method of display, by the mechanics of display, and, of course, by the completeness and representativeness of the information being displayed. It is believed that each of these display characteristics might form the nucleus of a contributing discipline in the information display field.

Currently, it appears that the field of information display, although growing rapidly, is disorganized and relatively ineffectual in its influence upon display development projects. The present state of organization within the field is epitomized (1) by a standing group within the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council known as Working Group VI of the Vision Committee and concerned with displays for control of forces, (2) by a yearly Institute sponsored by the Center for Technology and Administration of the American University, (3) by courses given at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and, (4) by the SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION DISPLAY with its local chapters and national conventions. Working Group VI is the oldest of these groups and it dates

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This state of affairs merely serves to point up the fact that the information display field is a young and growing one, that it has no solid scientific discipline or academic curriculum to support it as yet and that a tremendous amount of challenging yet essential ground work remains to be done before projects in the field can expect to gain any but accidental success. It is always an interesting exercise when trying to describe a new subject area such as information display to try to establish a hypothetical scholastic discipline which will lead to various degrees of proficiency. Such an exercise here reveals both that a wide range of formal schooling is needed to cover the waterfront of information display design and that no one of the existing standard college specialization fields is sufficient to qualify a graduate as an information display designer.

Contrary to these facts being considered an indictment against college curricula they are instead advanced as an indictment against the current frenzied search to find an individual who typifies a typical information display expert, a standardized set of procedures to follow in information display design, a typical hierarchy of information display systems from which one can derive all information display systems, a single book in which one can cover all aspects of information display system design and a parallel development in all techniques of information display. The railway system was not immediately possible with the invention of the steam engine although a requirement for rapid, reliable transportation between all cities in the Continental United States existed and

was frequently stated. Again, the invention of the printing press did not result in a breed of trained individuals capable of developing an optimum reproduction and dissemination system for rapid, controlled, responsive distribution of printed material although, here too, such a requirement existed. Similarly, in our time the development of many new information display devices from individual consoles to large board automated displays, along with an associated requirement for an information system, does not guarantee either the development of the system or the existence of individuals adept in design of such a system.

On the assumption that the process of learning and applying new techniques and theories has not changed over the years, it is probable that most of the state-of-the-art techniques and immediately available skills now utilized in system design are interim measures and that a basic theory covering the varied aspects of system design is already evolving and will supplant many of the mispractices and misuses of system design now tolerated and condoned.

Of course, the information display field runs the gamut from grease pencil charts through television displays to computer-run automated large board color displays and each portion of this display spectrum in turn has its own challenges and its own problems. However, it might be interesting at this point to discuss one particular area in which the Department of Defense has had some recent experience.

As is well known, the Department of Defense has pioneered in the design, development and usage of automated display systems. They have been joined in the last several years by NASA and

FAA where this trio probably represents almost the entire government support for such systems. The Department of Defense, itself, has sponsored eight major efforts to design, develop and use computer-driven large board display projects. These were intended for automated air defense or command and control type systems.

The initial effort is just now about a decade old and is, of course, that for the SAGE air defense systems. These eight projects cost the Department of Defense more than seventy-five million dollars. Three involved black and white displays and five involved color displays. One black and white display—the SAGE display—and one color display are currently functioning in an operational environment. However, no color display has yet been used by the command for what it was intended for its prescribed purpose.

One display which was installed and declared operational by the developing agency is in the process of being removed less than three years after its operational birth date. Its removal is due simply to the disturbing fact that it was never found useful by its users. It was cumbersome to use and the display system was incapable of being readily modified so as to display information not initially thought of by the users or system developers.

Development of two of the display systems had to be stopped several years after work was initiated but prior to final completion and the project had to be completely reoriented. Stoppage in these cases was due to technical difficulties in the engineering design and occurred before any operational criteria could be applied.

It is interesting to note that for the

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SAGE System no statistics or data have been compiled on the usefulness or the adequacy of the large board display systems for the command concerned. Succeeding projects have as a result not been based on lessons learned from previous efforts.

Mistakes have been duplicated and unfortunately very little learning has accrued to the intended users since most of the displays run into their technical or philosophical difficulties prior to their being applied to military command users. To the best of my knowledge, only one company has been asked to deliver a second large board display system and this occurred seven to ten years ago. It is difficult to imagine a stronger indictment against the success of display efforts.

One should of course be able to use this decade of experience to draw a number of conclusions concerning both potentials and deficiencies in management, design and usage of display systems. That this is indeed the case will be shown subsequently. However, at this point it is worthwhile to explore another area of display technology where some considerable success is being achieved and where there appears to be considerable potential to exploit.

Presently, the individual display console seems to have proven more useful than has the large group display. It may be because of the distinct correlation between decision modes and electronic display equipment types. First, the following modes of decision may be differentiated on the basis of user roles:

- Decision modes based on user roles
  - (1) *Individual* — here an individual is self-sufficient as a decision-maker and provides a unilateral decision.
  - (2) *Group* — here group participation results in a decision made while the group is in session. The decision has the concurrence of all group members.
  - (3) *Individual within a group* — here the individual although part of a working team makes an individual decision which forms a part of the complete decision required of the group. There is always a dependency between such individual decisions which can be explicitly stated, e.g., time-phased.

Secondly, a division of display equipment types based on engineering or systems roles may be made as follows:

- Electronic display equipment types
  - (1) *Individual console* — the console is designed for use by one to three individuals at a time. Display is non-permanent. (No permanent copy is produced.)
  - (2) *Group display* (or large board

display) — a large screen display suitable for viewing and use by a minimum of four people at a given time while they are seated. The size of the display is dependent upon the stated number of viewers. Display is non-permanent.

- (3) *Intercommunicating individual consoles* — the individual console forms part of an intercommunicating display system such that an operator at any given console may change the display at any other console or have his display so changed. The intercommunications are under operator control. Display is non-permanent.
- (4) *Hard-copy display unit* — any equipment capable of producing a permanent hard-copy display of any size.

The correlation between the above decision modes and electronic display equipment types is as follows:

- Correlation between decision modes and display equipment types
 

(1) Individual	(1) Individual
(2) Groups	Console
(3) Individual with a group	(2) Group Display (3) Interconnecting individual console
	(4) Hard-copy display unit

The intended meaning of the linking lines can be illustrated by an example. The solid line from the individual console equipment to the individual decision mode indicates that this is an entirely satisfactory linkage. The dotted line (---) from the individual console equipment type to the "individual within a group" decision mode indicates a frequently made correspondence which is not entirely satisfactory.

The contention is made here that individual display consoles have achieved more success because the individual decision mode has been more completely studied than the group mode and because group decisions involve more qualitative factors than individual decisions. It is true that those decisions which are the most difficult to make are those which involve qualitative factors such as judgment, experience and intention.

A decision which involves quantitative factors only may be completely described in terms of successive steps and may be assigned to an individual to make. More than one individual is normally consulted where qualitative judgments are required. Also, as one might expect, it is more difficult to determine how to use displays to aid in decisions involving qualitative factors or to aid group decisions.

It is interesting to list some of the areas for which automated individual consoles are being used or investigated

in the Department of Defense if one first notes that large automated group displays are normally suggested as group briefing aids or as aids in viewing large geographical areas on which changing information is being displayed.

Some of the areas of interest for application of automated individual consoles include:

- (1) On-line solution of numeric problems.
- (2) Query of automated data bases.
- (3) Automated programming aids.
- (4) Graphical problem solution.
- (5) Tactical command and problem such as air defense.
- (6) Input analysis
- (7) Textual editing, extracting and indexing.
- (8) Monitoring of system status — say as for secure ADP systems.
- (9) Presentation of changing force status and/or disposition.
- (10) Rapid modification of automated data bases.
- (11) Photo interpretation.
- (12) Pattern recognition.
- (13) Geographical contouring.

There are projects in each of these areas, either already funded or in the process of being funded in the Department of Defense and one can certainly expect the number to be increasing as our knowledge of display technology and usage becomes more precise and scientifically-grounded.

On the basis of experience gained during the last decade and as a result of the research done in government laboratories and by private industries it now appears possible to formulate a management approach to development of automated display systems and of orienting future developments so that they do improve the capability of the military commander. The main subject area proposed for this management approach are:

- (1) Keying of displays to specific functional requirements of user groups.
- (2) Analysis of the correlation between display types, information structure and behavioral characteristics of the user groups.
- (3) Improvement of system design techniques to permit shorter design lead times.
- (4) Development of more varied and simple display hardware.
- (5) Development of improved computer-to-display techniques and hardware.
- (6) Advancement of human factors research and application.

All of you are encouraged to discuss these topics and advance ideas which you may have with us in DDR&E which are interested in the science of information display.



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## News from SID Chapters

— Los Angeles / San Diego —

The Los Angeles and San Diego chapters joined, in their first fall meeting, for a visit to March AFB, Riverside, Calif., to see the WS 456-L installation. The Los Angeles chapters of SID and SPIE recently presented a joint 2-day symposium on new technologies for data recording and display.

— Washington —

Regular monthly technical meetings held this year have included the following presentations: "Vigicon Displays", by Nortronics; "FAA Bright Display Systems Demonstrations Used in En-Route Air Traffic Control", arranged by E. Storrs; dual presentations of "Multiple Station Display Systems", by The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, and "Signal Distribution for Matrix Displays", by Wetinghouse; "Generalized Display Language and System", by Datatrol Corp.; and Air Force Systems Command displays. A joint visit was arranged with the Mid-Atlantic chapter to the Rome Air Development Center in New York. Average attendance at meetings is nearly 70% of membership.

## Debons Presides at International Meet

Anthony Debons, President of the *Society for Information Display*, presided as chairman of a group of U.S., French, and German scientists in Bonn, Germany last June. The meeting was sponsored by the Mutual Weapons Development Information Exchange program of the Department of Defense. The group reviewed the state-of-the-art in man-computer information transfer, with particular attention to the present research and development resources of member countries in visual display technology that could meet the needs of the NATO community.

## Dalto Receives NASA "LOLA" Contract

NASA has awarded a \$1 million contract to Dalto Electronics Corp. to build the lunar navigation display system for the Lunar Orbit and Landing Approach Simulator (LOLA). The simulator, a research tool to develop techniques and test operational hardware for the nation's over-all lunar program, will be installed at NASA's Langley Research Center. It will provide scenes of the moon and stars, as seen through the four viewing ports during simulated spacecraft maneuvers. Four models of the lunar surface furnish the scenery, showing how the moon will look to the astronauts at distances varying from 200 miles out down to 200 ft. from touchdown.

### Multichannel Pulse-Height Analyzer/Printer

Optikon, a new data output printer for multichannel pulse height analyzers, has been announced by Nuclear Data, Inc. Optikon uses photographic techniques that the manufacturer claims are 20 times faster than computer readout typewriters. The Opikon printer presents data in row and column format on either a 3 x 4 inch or 4 x 5 inch Polaroid print requiring only 10-second development. A complete readout of 1024 six-digit numbers can be printed in approximately one minute. The new printer has only two moving parts. It is slaved to the controlling instrument.

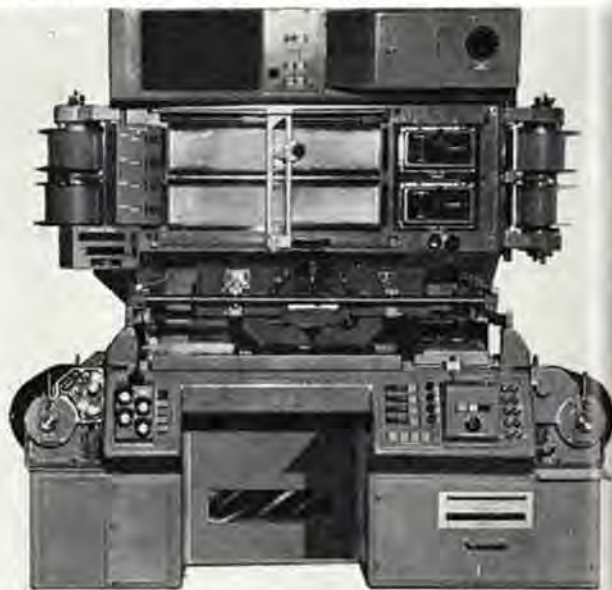
## Call for Papers

The Fifth National Symposium of the Society for Information Display, February 25-26, 1965, Los Angeles, is now calling for papers dealing with display systems and related technology. Submit 500-word abstracts to Rudolph Kuehn, Papers Chairman, 1831 Seadrift Drive, Corona del Mar, Calif., by November 16, 1964.

## Spacecraft TV Data System for JPL

JPL has ordered a Spacecraft Television Ground and Data Handling System (STGDHS) for its space flight operations complex to support NASA scientific investigations of the moon and planets by providing visual observations of their surfaces. The new system, to be built by Link Group, General Precision, Inc., will record spacecraft television data and produce accurate image material for the scientific community from the transmissions. Included in the over-all Link system will be the following subsystems: data acquisition and recording, data recovery, on-site film recording, media conversion, display and analysis, and storage retrieval and photoprocessing.

## Reconnaissance Data Reduction Shelters



Fairchild's new multi-sensor, viewer-printer display console.

Rome Air Development Center has begun accepting delivery of new reconnaissance data reduction shelters from Fairchild Space & Defense Systems under a \$7.6 million contract to furnish Air Force commanders with split-second intelligence information on tactical enemy targets. Part of a limited war intelligence reduction complex designed by Rome AD AFSC, three of the image interpretation cells can be airlifted in a four-engined C-130 Hercules transport to any military theater within 24 hours. Key element in the cells' semi-automated photo-interpretation systems is a new multi-screen viewer-printer console (see photo) for simultaneous display of panoramic and frame photography as well as side-looking radar and infrared imagery. A digital computer and teletype writer equipment speed preparation and transmission of intelligence reports.

## Charactron Tube Versatility Increased 50%

A new matrix containing 96 different characters and symbols instead of the usual 64 available in the Character Shaped Beam Tube is being incorporated into new computer display systems produced by Stromberg-Carlson div., General Dynamics, the firm has announced. The newly-developed matrix is capable of presenting both upper and lower case letters, plus a variety of symbols and Greek letters. The tube also has a spot writing capability, producing an 0.008-in. spot at four microamps. Character size is variable at a ratio of 5:1, ranging from 0.200 inches down to 0.040 inches. Symbols are typically repeated at a 30-times-per-second flicker-free rate.

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### Electroluminescent Display Panel Contracts

Sigmatron, Inc., has been awarded two major Navy contracts in the area of high-resolution electroluminescent display panels. One contract, from ONR, is for a research program sponsored jointly by the Army, Navy, and Aircraft Instrumentation Research Committee seeking significant performance improvements in vacuum-deposited thin-film electroluminescent display devices. The second contract, from NADC, Johnsville, Pa., is for the development of a prototype electroluminescent panel which requires extremely high resolution of 256 orthogonal elements over an active surface area of less than 100 square inches. Guidelines indicate brightness of each of the 65,536 individual electroluminescent lamps in the panel will not vary more than 5% over the entire display. Minimum intensity of light output from each lamp is expected to exceed 100 ft. lamberts.

### Printers for 416L BUIC Ordered by USAF

The Air Force has ordered more than \$1 million in printer systems for its Back-up Interceptor Control (BUIC) program. Anelex Corp., the prime contractor, will supply standard 120-column, 600-lines-per-minute printers, with special cabinetry to combat radio frequency interference. The BUIC semi-automatic command-control system has been designed to provide backup-weapons control capability to SAGE direction centers in this country and in Canada. It will furnish Air Force commanders all possible information, electronically computed and collated, on which to base decision-making in directing air battle. The system, which includes solid-state computers, printers and communications and display equipment, will be installed in existing buildings.

### Photochromic Micro-Image Technology

A recent development in information processing has been reported by the Electronics Div., The National Cash Register Co., with its announcement of Photochromic Micro-Image (PCMI) technology. In a recent demonstration of the process, the entire contents of the Bible were reduced, stored, and mass-produced as a film chip of less than two inches square. The basic process can reportedly photograph and store as a reproducible microscopic image almost any record that can be photographed. NCR claims PCMI is the first process which makes it practical to record and disseminate a great quantity of micro-images with very high packing density. Various materials have been successfully recorded and reproduced at reductions ranging up to 50,000:1 in area.

### New On-Line Displays at NOTS/Pasadena

Naval Ordnance Test Station, Pasadena, Calif., is currently installing three new display systems at its Simulation and Computer Center. Acquired on an estimated \$240,000 contract from Data Display, Inc., the units are basically cathode-tube-type displays, equipped with memories and other refinements. These will be operated "on-line" with both digital and analog equipment utilized in scientific and weapons system analysis. Display of information to a technician will permit him to insert corrections and changes in the computer system.

### Bunker-Ramo CRT Flight Information Display

A CRT flight information board recently introduced by Bunker-Ramo Corp. is fed information from a central processor. Bits are displayed on green phosphorescent CRTs, and the presentation is programmed so that size and sequence of characters can be arranged as desired.

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Maj. Gen. David P. Gibbs, Chief of Communications/Electronics, U.S. Army, is delivering the keynote address at the Fourthe National Symposium of the SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION DISPLAY, Oct. 1-2, in the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Formerly the Army's Chief Signal Officer, Gen. Gibbs draws on an extensive background in electronics, command and control, and display. This includes a period of activity in the senior command staff, North American Air Defense system (NORAD).

A wide variety of technical papers have been selected stressing information display advances in the fields of medicine, management, education, communications, command and control. Ernest N. Storrs is symposium program chairman.

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In addition to the technical programs, a broad range of the most modern information display equipment available will be exhibited.

Technical papers to be presented include:

THE JPL SPACE FLIGHT OPERATIONS FACILITY DISPLAY AND CONTROL SYSTEM—PRESENT EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS—A. S. Goldstein, JPL.

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His computer experience ranges from operation, checkout and maintenance of the Nat'l Bureau of Standards Western Automatic Computer to programming, logical design, system analysis and simulation for many command and control systems. He has recently been concentrating on problems of image enhancement, data display and data storage and retrieval.

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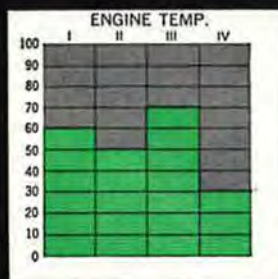


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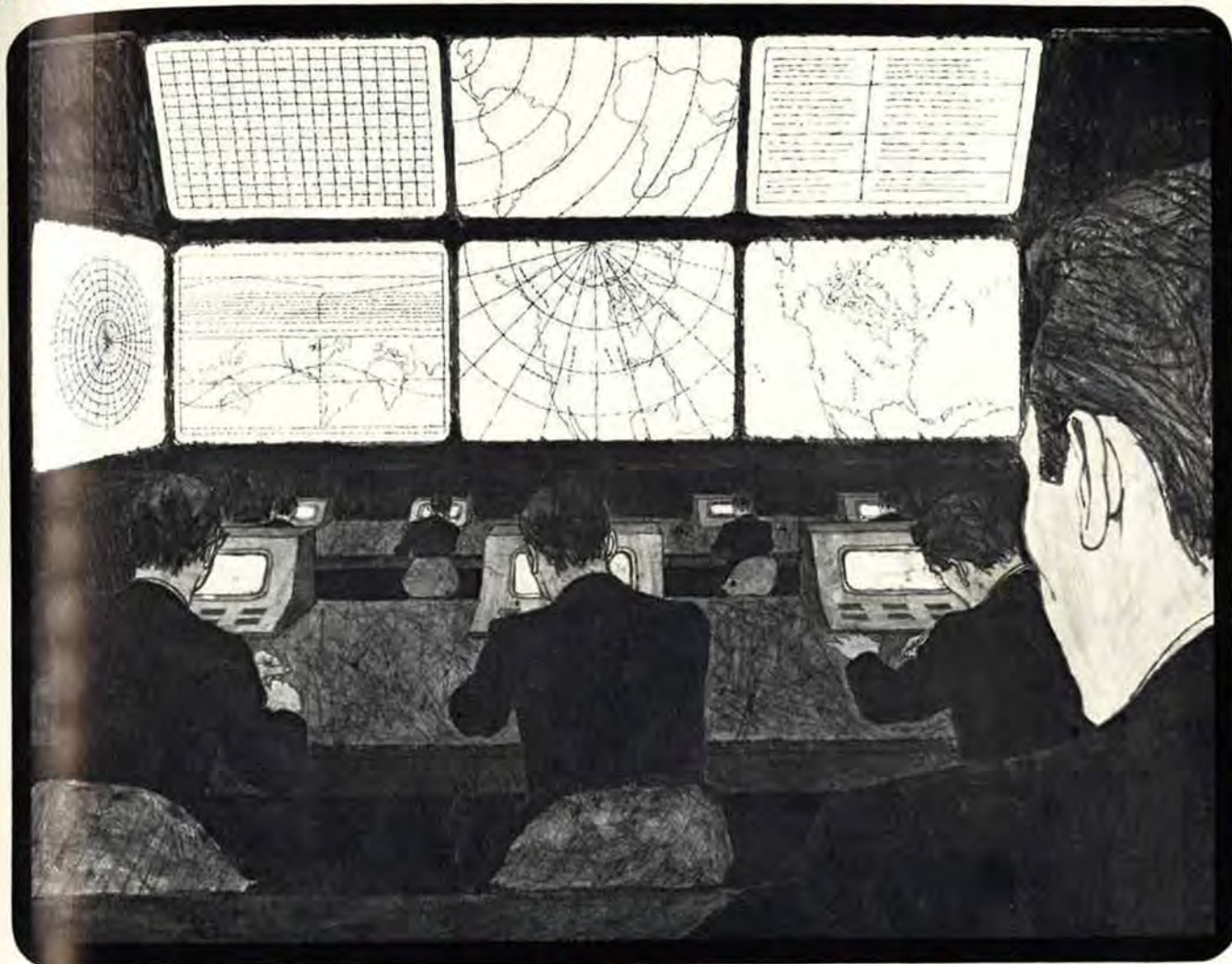
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Full-scale excursion time 60 milliseconds

Adjacent symbols per sec. 20

Random symbols per sec. 10

Dimensions: 12" long 7" wide 11 3/4" high



## Some of the DDI Display Systems Currently in Use

Model	System Description
dd 10	Multi-Station remote data entry and retrieval system
dd 13	Command and control system design console with internal graphic scanning capability
dd 13B	Range safety officer impact prediction display console and camera recorder
dd 16	High speed electronic point plotter
dd 19	Multi-monitor command and control display system for computer time sharing evaluation
dd 20	Display plotter for telemetry data reduction and processing
dd 26	Computer output point plotter and numeric display console
dd 36	Computer output numeric display indicator
dd 39	Semi-automatic message composer and data entry console
dd 40	General purpose modular computer input/output display system
dd 55	Digital radar indicator and computer input/output console
dd 51	General purpose alphanumeric display system
dd 51/m2	Special purpose data storage and retrieval system
dd 52	Special purpose computer control console
dd 60	Large scale computer console
dd 65	Experimental digital radar indicator and computer input/output system
dd 68	Multi-monitor digital radar indicator and weapons system simulator
dd 73	Multi-console command and control system
dd 74	Multi-monitor data storage and retrieval system
dd 79	Military command and control console
dd 80	High speed microfilm recorder
dd 81	Very large scale data reduction and display system

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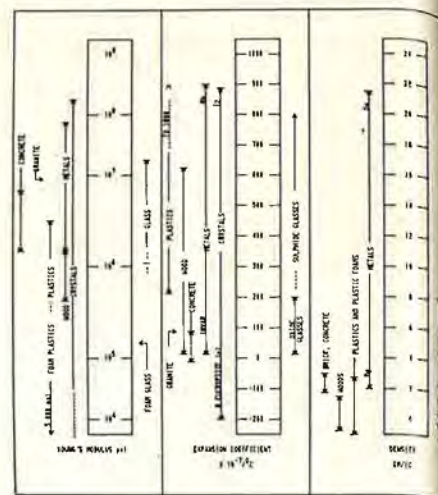
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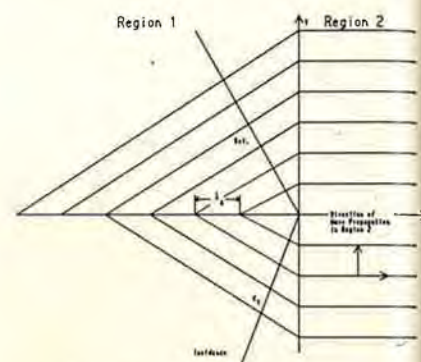
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### Microfilm Recorder\*

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### Command and Control\*

Real time monitoring of military and business surveillance inputs. Man-to-computer communication devices including typewriter keyboard, light pencil, and trackball are available.

### dd 40 -- MODULAR DATA DISPLAY SYSTEM

#### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

The dd 40 is a modular digitally driven display system designed for effective application to a wide range of display requirements. To achieve this flexibility at low cost, the dd 40 design features a minimum, or basic, system which may be expanded by including optional modular features.

The basic dd 40 system is a 19-inch CRT monitor presentation designed to operate directly on-line to a digital computer. Includes interface logic, symbol generator, display control logic, and the CRT display. The basic system can display 3,000 symbols at random positions on a 12.5 inch square area at a 40 cps repetition rate.

Normally used with the basic dd 40 system would be some combination of the available options including:

- Vector and/or line drawing capability,
- Tabular (typewriter-like) word format,
- Parallel remote monitor(s),
- Buffer memory (for off-line display repetition),
- Camera recorder (for high speed data recording).

### Information Retrieval\*

Typewriter keyboard input to a buffer memory; off-line verification; block transmission and receipt of data; phone subset compatibility.

\*Reproduction of unretouched photo showing information being displayed on DDI display systems.